ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF EASTON
2006

History of the Civil War Monument

From the Wheaton Farm area one should reverse his direction and return to the Five Corners. At this intersection, follow Route 123 east, Depot Street, to the next major intersection (Depot and Center Streets) where the Civil War Monument is located. Three hundred thirty-four men from Easton fought the Civil War, forty-seven of whom died in action. To commemorate their efforts and sacrifices, this monument was constructed and dedicated on May 30, 1982. The names of those who gave their lives in this war are inscribed in the statue. This monument has been used as the central figure in the town seal.

This report is dedicated to the many volunteers and employees, past and present, whose service to the community exemplifies dedication and pride

TOWN OF EASTON
www.easton.ma.us

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	22,299 (2000 Federal Census) 23,270 (2006 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property Valuation as of January 1, 2006	$2,935,473,220
Town Meeting (The by-law regarding Annual Town Meeting was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on 6/4/001)	Third Monday in May
Town Election (The by-law regarding Annual Town Election was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on 10/30/00)	Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry — Edward M. Kennedy

Representative in Congress

Ninth Congressional District — Stephen F. Lynch, Boston

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District (Pcts. 1,2)	Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brockton
Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth District (Pcts. 3, 4, 5, 6)	Brian A. Joyce, Milton

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5)	Geraldine Creedon, Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District (Pct. 6)	David L. Flynn, Bridgewater
Tenth Plymouth District (Pct. 3)	Christine E. Canavan, Brockton

Governor's Councillor

Second District (Pcts. 3, 4, 5, 6)	Kelly A. Timilty, Boston
Fourth District (Pcts. 1,2)	Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., Boston

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

	TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	
Richard C. Dailey	2009
SELECTMEN	
John S. Haederle	2009
Colleen A. Corona	2009
Irwin M. Cohen	2008
Charles P. King	2007
Colleen A. Less	2007
ASSESSORS	
Shaun Fitzgerald	2009
Gerald J. Noonan	2008
Wallace M. Fulcher	2007
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Ellen Barlow	2009
William P. Braun	2008
Caroline S. O'Neill	2008
Jane Pike Benton	2007
Dawn Marie Boynton	2007
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Roger M. Kligler	2009
Gilbert A. Heino	2008
Robert J. Kane	2007
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
Sandra L. Conant	2011
June H. Brousseau	2010
Michael J. Malloy	2008
Dennis Sheedy	2007
Vacancy (St Mmbr)	
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Jeremy S. David	2009
Mark S. Carpentier	2009
Jonathan Pike	2009
Stephen A. Drown	2008
Robert L. Hicks	2008
Brian P. Nagle (Resigned 7/12/06)	2008
Richard Coose	2007
Patrick A. Goodman	2007
Donna A. Lopolito	2007
Stephen Delano (Appointed)	2007
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Ralph Armstead (Resigned)	2006
Joshua Jacobs (Apptd. & Resigned)	2006
Ralph Armstead (Appointed)	2006

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Town Administrator	David A. Colton
Animal Control Officer	John D. Melin
Animal Control Officer Asst.	Elizabeth J. DeRosa
Animal Inspector, Milk Inspector	John D. Melin
Assessor, Assistant	Anne M. Carney
Board of Health Director	Wade D. Saucier
Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement, ADA Coordinator	D. Mark Trivett
Conservation Director	Robert G. Dunn
Council on Aging Director	Dolores M. Kent
DPW Director	Wayne P. Southworth
Fire Chief	Thomas F. Stone
Library Executive Director	Annalee M. Bundy
Moderator, Deputy	John A. Keach, Jr.
Moderator, Deputy	John F. Creedon
Moderator, Deputy	Carla A. Goodwin
Moderator, Deputy	Michael G. Sites
Planning Director	Marc R. Rousseau
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Robert Govey
Plumbing & Gas Inspector, Asst.	Barton R. Carlson
Police Chief	Thomas F. Kominsky
Police Chief, Deputy	Allen R. Krajcik
School Superintendent	William J. Simmons, Ed.D., J.D.
School Superintendent, Adm. Asst.	Michael Green, Ed. D.
School, Director of Curriculum	Dr. Nancy Sullivan
Town Accountant	Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Clerk	Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk, Assistant	Marie A. Graca
Town Counsel	Brackett & Lucas
Treasurer and Collector	Teresa DeSilva
Treasurer and Collector, Asst.	Linda Howard
Veterans Agent	Stephen F. Nolan, III
Water Division Superintendent	John J. Marsh
Wiring Inspector	Kevin Greiner
Wiring Inspector, Asst.	John F. Amorim

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

(In Alphabetical Order)	TERM EXP.
BOARD OF APPEALS	
Stephen Pinzari	2011
John Tupper	2010
Walter Mirrione	2009
Thomas A. Pursley	2008
August Gangi	2007
Fred Clark, Jr., Alternate	2008
Christopher J. Pike, Alternate	2007
AUDIT COMMITTEE	
Brenda DeCosta	2008
Charles King	2007
Jane Pike Benton	2007
Jonathan Pike	2007
CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Thomas Lopolito	2009
Howard Miller	2008
Christine Margulies	2008
Paul DiNicola	2007
Leonard Berkowitz	2007
CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Wayne P. Southworth	2009
Janice Fowler	2008
John Fresh, Jr.	2007
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE	
Vacancy (Baker Resigned 9/1/06)	2008
Vacancy (Morgan Resigned 9/19/06)	2008
Mark Carpentier	2007
Sharyn Katz	2006
Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant	
Christine Santoro, Planning & Zoning Board	
Stephen Delano, Finance Committee	
CEMETERY COMMISSION	
John D. Melin	2009
John R. Howard	2008
Melanie DeWare	2007
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE	
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2009
Michael J. Boyle	2008
Avery Lee Williams	2008
Patricia F. Hunt	2007
John E. Grant, Conservation Commission	
Frank Spillane, Recreation Commission	
Christopher J. Kone, Planning & Zoning Board	
Edmund C. Hands, Historical Commission	
Michael Malloy, Housing Authority	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
John E. Grant	2009
Patricia A. Haederle	2009
Kyla Bennett	2008
CONSERVATION COMMISSISON (continued)	
Patricia E. Somers	2007
Barry DunKley	2007
Jonathan Chace, Associate Member	
CONSTABLES	
William E. Scharnick	2009
Brent Peterson	2009
James T. Hartford	2009
James A. Carey	2008
Brian Bishop	2008
John Hurley	2008
Margaret Carey	2008
Michael G. Bombas	2008
George A. Mather	2008
Scot Douglas	2008
David Wood	2008
Robert Bishop	2008
Peter M. Buckley	2007
Jerold Loomis	2007
Harold L. March	2007
John Melin	2007
Desmond Chow	2007
Phillip White, Jr.	2007
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Marie Healey	2009
Ethel Pomerleau	2009
Francis H. Spillane	2008
David Cudmore	2008
Carl Palm	2008
Nicolina Previti	2007
Rose Friedeborn	2007
Delores M. Kent, Director	
CULTURAL COUNCIL	
Wanda Azevedo	2009
Mary Goulart	2009
Marion Wingfield	2009
Katherine Minsky	2009
Heidi Harlfinger	2009
Nancy Arns	2008
Michael Mahany	2008
EDUCATIONAL & MUNICIPAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	
Lewis N. Aries, Jr	Indefinite
Judith Canty	Indefinite
Anne M. Carney	Indefinite
Michael Deltano	Indefinite
Christine Margulies	Indefinite
Howard Miller	Indefinite
FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE	
Calvin Harris	2009
Vacancy (Breton)	2008
Vacancy (Burke)	2007
Vacancy (Simolari Resigned 8-16-06)	2007

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE (Continued)

Donna Bonia	2007
Daniel Ghardy	2007

FENCE VIEWERS

John A. Keach, Jr.
Robert L. Hicks
Frank Meninno

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Robert Carvin
Jane Martin
Benjamin Farrell
John Refford
Mark Jennings

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Edmund C. Hands	2009
Michael Russell	2009
John Ventresco	2009
Greg Galer	2008
Melanie-Jane Deware	2008
Mary Stefura	2007
Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald	2007

Frank T. Meninno, Associate Member
Larry Mowatt, Associate Member

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rachel Hansen	2009
Ilisabeth Bornstein	2009
Cheryl Brightman	2008
Scott Erlich	2007
Margaret Ryan	2007

HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

Brian Hoffman	2009
Donald Shanbar	2008
Carolyn Carpentier	2008
Stephen Delamere	2007
Anne-Marie Orfori-Acquaah	2007

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Richard L. Freitas	2008

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Marie Graca	2009
David Brown	2009
Christopher Mills	2009
Ken Flanagan	2009
Joseph Richard	2009
Christine Midura	2009
Jim McAvoy	2009
Jean Amichetti	2009
Karyn Smith	2009
Teresa DeSilva	2009

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stephen Merlin (Town)	2009
Marcia Connors (Town)	2009
Gerard S. Marsan (Corp)	2008

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (continued)

Donna P. Richman (Corp)	2008
Alice B. McCarthy (Town)	2008
Kevin E Paicos (Corp)	2008
William M. Ames (Corp)	2007
Kathleen E. Boyle (Town)	2007
Hazel L. Varella (Town)	2007

Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert E. Langway, Jr.	2009
Henry P. Narsasian	2008
Kenneth Carlson	2008
Wallace Fulcher	2007
Ralph Vatalaro	2007

Dawn Boynton, School Rep
Marc Brockman, School Rep
Jane Pike Benton, School Rep Alternate
Dr. Michael Green, School Supt Rep, Ex-Officio
Wayne Southworth, DPW Director, Ex-Officio

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES

Delores Kent, Board of Directors
Nicolina Previti, Board of Directors Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative
Stephen Donahue, Delegate Alternate

OCPC AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wayne P. Southworth, Representative

PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE

Gil A. Heino	2009
Todd Heino	2008
David W. Brown	2007
James J. Conceison	2007

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Walter H. Johnson	2011
Colin W. Gillis	2010
Alan Weeks	2009
Christine Santoro	2008
Christopher J. Kone	2007
Gregory Strange, Alternate	2008

RECREATION COMMISSION

Elizabeth Nikiciuk	2009
Charles H. Hammond	2009
Tana Babbitt	2008
Cathy Habig	2008
David Lang	2007
Michael J. McDonald	2007
Lisa Galas	2007

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Kent M. Keith	2009
Jean M. Kent	2008
Jean H. Cote	2007
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk	

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Marc R. Brockman	4/1/2006
Lennart K. Altieri	
Dawn Marie Boynton	
Judith E. Josephs	
Henry P. Narsasian	4/14/2006
Wallace Fulcher	4/14/2006
Robert L. Hicks, Finance Committee	

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

John D. Melin	2008

VETERANS AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

Alvin Smart, Commander VFW
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner (Resigned 11/2/06)

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Howard Margulies
Daniel M. Crane
Kenneth Carlson
Vacancy (Lawson)
John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent
Mark Bartlett, Planning & Zoning Board
Robert J. Kane, Board of Health

WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Steven Barth	2009
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2008
Shirley Tufts	2007

Wayne P. Southworth, Local Water Resources Management Officer
John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Chairman, School Committee
Commander, George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander, George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2006 was a critical year for Easton. The Town said good-bye to a former Town Administrator, welcomed a new Administrator, approved an operational override, and increased funding in most town departments. It was a year marked by both immediate changes to our existing town government, as well as the realization that Easton must evolve as a community both in how it governs itself and how it responds to the needs of its citizenry in order to look toward the future. It was a positive year for the Town.

In January, Town Administrator Martha White announced that she would be leaving at the end of her contract. The Board of Selectmen began the search for a new Town Administrator by hiring Bennett-Yarger, an executive search firm, to identify, screen and present candidates to the Board. Ms. White left her position in August and was replaced by interim Town Administrator Norm Thidemann, a veteran municipal manager who agreed to fill the gap as the Town continued its search for a permanent replacement. With the assistance and support of the Human Resource Board, six finalists were selected for interviews.

In September, the Board of Selectmen unanimously chose David Colton as Easton's new Town Administrator. Mr. Colton, who had previously worked as Town Administrator in Milton, assumed his duties for the Town in November. The Board is delighted with his arrival and welcomes him to our community. At the same time, the Board wishes former Town Administrator Martha White the best in her new position and is thankful for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of Easton.

The search process would not have succeeded without the help and input of many people. The Board would particularly like to thank Carolyn Carpentier and Brian Hoffman for their guidance during the final selection process. Their help was invaluable. The Board would also like to thank Kit Minsky for her support and hard work during the transition, as well as Mary Southworth for her steady hand and infinite patience. The transition would not have been as smooth without the outstanding work of these two individuals.

With a projected structural deficit of over $1 million dollars looming on the horizon for FY 2007, it became increasingly clear early in the year that the deteriorating financial situation facing the Town of Easton was reaching crisis proportions. Sharp escalations in health care and pension costs, rising energy costs and several years of stagnant and declining state aid meant that the Town would be facing additional cuts in public safety and public services. Without additional revenue, cuts would be made to already significantly understaffed departments. A decision was made by the Board to present another Proposition 2 1/2 override to the voters of Easton.

After discussions at multiple budget subcommittee meetings, it was determined that a $3.4 million override be presented to voters. The proposed override would fund additions to the most critically impacted departments, including the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Council on Aging, and the Recreation Department. This amount would restore services lost the previous fiscal year, rebuild services cut over the past several years, and reserve some money for the future.

On June 6, 2006, the override vote – the first successful override in Easton since 1991 -passed, and Town's financial situation stabilized.

In the fall of 2006, the Town continued to move forward on implementing a single vendor trash system for residents. The new system, in which households join voluntarily, is projected to save the average household over $200 per year.

Early in the year, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Government Study Committee, which was charged with examining Easton's current form of Government, as well as making recommendations for improvement to Easton's current system. After six months of research, the Government Study Committee recommended that the Town of Easton consider moving to a Town Council/Town Manager form of government. The Board agreed to pursue this recommendation. The Board would like to thank the Committee for the countless hours of research and study done in pursuit of their charge.

In April, Board members John Haederle and Colleen Corona were both re-elected to second terms.

Due to the passage of the Proposition 2 ½ override, Easton's financial future is more secure. In addition, increased revenue from new business growth has helped the community become more financially stable and diverse. The Board of Selectmen is committed to efforts to attract additional business investment in the community, while also looking for ways to control costs.

We would like to thank our new Town Administrator, David Colton, and look forward to working with him on the challenges and opportunities facing our community in the years ahead. Finally, the Board would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation to all the employees and volunteers who contribute so much to Easton's success as a community.

We look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Easton.

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal Year 2007 was a state-certified revaluation year. This means that the town had to meet criteria in the Mass General Laws to achieve fair market value as of the previous January 1, 2006. The town cannot set a tax rate until the Department of Revenue certifies that the community is assessing fairly and uniformly at a minimum, of 90% of market value. In non –revaluation years the community must do interim adjustments to achieve the same standards. The only difference is that the state comes into the community for review during certification years and interim statistics are submitted directly to the Department of Revenue in non-revaluation years.

The sales that were used for the revaluation were those that occurred during 2005. The assessment date is always January 1st and the sales from the prior year are always used whether the market subsequently rises or falls. January 1, 2006 is the assessment date and that is the reason that the 2005 sales were used. Sales occurring during 2006 will be analyzed and adjustments will be made for fiscal year 2008.

The tax rate is determined by taking the amount of money that needs to be raised by real estate and personal property taxes and dividing it by the total taxable valuation of the town. The general rule is when values rise the rate is proportionately lower. When values decline the rate is proportionately higher. Assessed values rising or falling generally has little impact on real estate taxes. The amount that has to be raised determines the level of taxation. An operational override of 3.4 million dollars was passed in 2006 and this is the main reason that taxes went up for fiscal year 2007.

The assessors' office completed its work with the Registry of Deeds in Taunton to get a base map to begin working toward a GIS program. The assessors are hoping to get software and training during 2007 to be able to use the maps with the valuation software.

Town meeting authorized an increase in the amount of money that an eligible senior citizen could have exempted from real estate taxes. The age requirement was also lowered to 65. The amount exempted is $1,000 and the assessors are responsible for reviewing and approving applications. Other exemptions that taxpayers may be eligible for include: blind, surviving spouse, and veterans with a disability rating from the Veterans Administration.

Inquiries on motor vehicle excise bills are handled through this office and excise abatements are processed by this department. Overvaluation applications on real and personal property are reviewed and decided at the local level by the Board of Assessors and defended by the Board when an appeal goes to the Appellate Tax Board. The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Abutters' lists for public hearings held by other departments are produced by this office. Many specialized reports for other departments and the state are generated from the assessors' data base. The Board prepares information for the Board of Selectmen regarding the public hearing on classification. The Board is also responsible for submitting the recapitulation sheet to the Department of Revenue for setting the tax rate.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 3,300,706,950.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	32,530,920.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 3,333,237,870.00

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$	58,418,399.88
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc.Charges		635,905.30
State & County Charges		684,209.00
Overlay Account		486,667.45
Total Expenditures	$	60,225,181.63

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$	12,481,472.00
Local Receipts		5,100,000.00
Enterprise Funds		3,227,410.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		1,330,068.88
Community Preservation Funds		2,020,597.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$	24,159,547.88

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION $ 36,065,633.75

Tax Rate = 36,065,633.75 / 3,333,237,870 x 1000 = $10.82

The assessment date for fiscal year 2007 values was January 1, 2006. The Town now has 5,472 single-family homes, 1,376 condominiums, 161 two-family homes and 20 three-family homes. Residential construction slowed down but commercial activity picked up during 2005.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

June30th — Property Tax Assessment Date. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the Ma. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1st to June 30th for succeeding fiscal years.

February 1st — Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st (or the next work day if February 1st falls on a weekend.)

March 1st — Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.

March — Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone qualifying in the previous year. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after March 1st and must be accompanied by the income tax filing from the previous year. Contact the office for exemption forms.

May 1st — Payment of fourth quarterly tax bill.

August 1st — Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on at least one quarter of the taxes from the previous fiscal year. If significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction taxes will be estimated accordingly. New construction will be based on whatever is complete on the previous June 30th.

November 1st — Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.

December — Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

WALLY FULCHER	Chairman
GERALD J. NOONAN	Vice-Chairman
SHAUN FITZGERALD	Clerk

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Easton Data Processing Department provides computer and technical support and service for the Easton Town Offices, the Department of Public Works, the Water Division, the Police and Fire Departments and also the School Business Office. The department is responsible for 15 servers, 100 desktop computers and 36 notebook computers. All of our sites are connected with Cisco routers through Verizon Point-to-Point T1's. All of the town departments access the Internet thru a single Comcast cable modem provided by CELT/Integrity.

In this past year the department has purchased a document imaging solution from Xerox, called DocuShare. This solution will enable all departments on the town's wide area network to store their documents and files electronically rather than have to maintain a hard copy on site. It also gives employees the ability to search those files quickly and efficiently. In time this will help to streamline the work process for many town departments.

Easton also has its own custom financial package based on the Unisys Business Information Server software. This program has been developed and maintained by our own System Designer/Programmer, Eric Davis. This program has been written with direct input from the town's department heads and users allowing us the freedom to design every function based on the actual work flow of each department. Not only has this enabled our employees to work more efficiently but has saved the town tens of thousands of dollars in expensive software maintenance fees annually.

There were two major projects started and completed for the '2006' calendar year that enhances the Town's application software. One was the designing, writing and implementation of Purchase Orders to be used as part of the current Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable Financial System. The other was allowing Motor Vehicle registrants and property tax owners to pay their Excise, Real Estate and Personal Property tax over the Internet. Residents can pay on-line at http://www.easton.ma.us and select the button to 'Pay a Bill Online'.

Anne Carney, Department Head
Eric Davis, Sys Designer/Programmer
Michael Deltano, Information System Man.

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We made the following statement in last year's annual report "we enter into the next year with renewed hope and vision" and are happy to report that the hope and vision were realized. Just as fiscal year 2006 was coming to a close, the Town of Easton approved a Proposition 2 ½ override. Bringing the services of our public safety departments, schools, and other areas up to more appropriate levels for a town of our demographics is now a possibility and not just an unfulfilled dream.

As we believe our fiscal year 2006 efforts to review and communicate the Town's financial situation and promote the override were well publicized, we would like to explain in this report the Finance Committee's function.

We believe our priority objective is to keep the citizens of Easton informed about the Town's financial situation and make recommendations regarding the Town's finances and other matters based on our diligent reviews and expertise. During fiscal year 2006, the Finance Committee held more than 30 meetings and provided recommendations on warrant articles at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) and two Special Town Meetings.

The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing departmental budgets in advance of the ATM. Annually, we meet with all Town department heads to review budgets in detail and to discuss the quality and quantity of services being provided currently and as compared to historical services and services provided in comparable communities (building off the "foundation" reviews that were conducted in fiscal year 2004). We also discuss needs and visions for the future.

Throughout the year, Finance Committee members participate in a variety of other committees and groups. We have members actively involved on the Budget Subcommittee, the Capital Planning Committee, and the Audit Committee, as well as in the groups formed to study ways to contain or reduce costs related to health care benefits and town-wide trash removal. One of our members also attended nearly every School Committee meeting during this fiscal year, an effort that demonstrates the dedication and personal involvement of your elected finance officials.

As of the writing of this report, we have already kicked-off the fiscal year 2008 budget review process. Fixed costs, such as health care premiums, retirement benefits, and utilities, will continue to consume more and more of our budget dollars, meaning that containing costs within our available revenue sources will continue to be a challenge. As always, we will apply the appropriate level of scrutiny to all department requests and help to ensure the judicious use of Town funds.

Easton is a wonderfully unique town and we look forward to continuing that legacy by working closely with our Board of Selectmen, School Committee, new Town Administrator, Superintendent of Schools, and Human Resource Advisory Board to make informed decisions that provide the citizens of Easton the best return for their dollar. We applaud the tremendous efforts of our former Town Administrator, Martha White, and appreciate the efforts of all Town employees, especially the department heads, for working with us throughout the year, and look forward to continuing our mutually respectful collaboration for the benefit of the citizens of Easton.

We wish to thank Stacey Lincoln for her dedicated services as secretary to the Finance Committee. We welcome aboard Jeremy David and Steve Delano as our newest members, while expressing our gratitude to Len Berkowitz and Brian Nagle for their contributions to the Finance Committee and the Town of Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Lopolito, Chairman
Richard Coose, Vice Chairman
Stephen A. Drown, Clerk
Mark Carpentier
Jeremy David
Stephen Delano
Patrick A. Goodman
Robert L. Hicks
Jonathan (Jay) Pike

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2006, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on short and long-range plans to meet increased programmatic, staffing, space and school renovation concerns. The support received from the citizens of Easton as a result of the successful June, 2006 operational override was greatly appreciated, and allowed the school system to maintain current programs and positions, while beginning to address class sizes, the recommendations of the NEAS&C Accreditation Report, and increased special education and utility costs.

At the same time, the collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of the students of Easton.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details that made up the lives of the young people and adults of Easton during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

A number of staff changes were experienced by the school system during the 2006 school year. Retirements included High School Business teacher Jean Churchill, High School SPED teacher Virginia Kent, Junior High Mathematics teacher Shirley Sahl, Junior High English teacher Jan Ferriera, Junior High Physical Education teacher Leo Duggan, and Elementary teachers Karen Danielson and Martha Panagiotopoulos.

Staff moving to other professional opportunities included Secondary teachers Patrick Hohl, Tom O'Brien, Wendy Smith, Nancy Raen-Mendes, Bill Fish and Jamie Vitonis, Music teacher Lee Beatty, Elementary teachers Mary Phillips, John Willis, Sarah Trembly and Jennifer Simmons, Elementary SPED teachers Christine Matthews and Lauren Levine, and Richardson Principal Dan Deneen.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 2006 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Approximately ninety-one percent enrolled in four-year colleges and universities, while six percent went on to junior colleges, community colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Three percent elected to join the world of work and/or the military.

The class of 2006 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve well above national levels in the SATs, the Advanced Placement test scores in English Literature and Composition, United States History, Spanish, Microeconomics and Calculus indicated that approximately seventy-five percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or

above, thus entitling them to college credit. High school students also earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Easton students continued to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities with area colleges, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had high school students shadow local employers for a day in many of the area companies to learn about a previously selected occupation. Students were also involved in Career Speaker Day, in which speakers from a myriad number of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually.

High school and junior high school students were again involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its fourteenth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts. Also, a number of Oliver Ames High School students participated in the American Legion Girls State program in late spring, and in the Boys State program that was held at Stonehill College in June.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools, students assisted at the afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed new members into the Society and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Lions Club Auction and tutoring students after school.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the junior high school is the student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. One such way was the continuation of the Facing History and Ourselves program, an interdisciplinary focus of study between the Social Studies and Technology Departments. Also at the junior high school, the guidance staff worked closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included enrichment as well as entertainment for junior high school students. Programs offered included sports activities, a homework club, Spanish club, videography club and computer club.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that Easton students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. A number of high school and junior high school students were selected to participate in the state wide *Boston Globe* Art Awards competition, twenty junior high students participated in the SMARTS Middle School Art Show, and junior high students Hayley Allen, Christine Zachem, and Tyler Bassett and elementary students Stephanie Gallo of Olmsted School and Katherine Flaherty of Richardson School were first place winners in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Additional elementary students had their art work recognized through the Easton Water Department Poster Contest and the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Student work was also exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the Central Administration office, the Fuller Art Museum, Borderland State Park, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard competed in numerous competitions and exhibitions this fall under the direction of the new Band Director, Mr. Robert Wheeler. In November, the Band received a Silver Medal at the NESBA Finals in Quincy, and concluded their season marching in the Veteran's Day Parade and the Lion's Holiday Festival Parade in Easton.

Students in the OAHS Show Choir and Pit Band participated in the 22nd Anniversary Baystate Show Choir Festival. The school system hosted more than 350 students from across New England and Canada during the two-day festival.

The Concert Choir and Marching Band performed at the Easton Lions Club Winter Festival, while students selected to participate in the Southeast District Music Festival included Maria Hadge, Juston Gillis, Lauren Maggio and Kelsey Raduazzo. Three Easton students, Lauren Maggio, Kelsey Raduazzo and Maria Hadge, also went on to be chosen for the All-State Festival in early spring.

In the junior high school, more than twenty students auditioned for the Southeast District Music Festival, with a number of students being accepted into the festival in orchestra, band and chorus. Also, each of the five junior high ensembles (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Show Choir) earned a Gold Medal rating at the annual Great East Festival in Springfield.

The 2006 OAHS musical production of "Footloose," directed by Mrs. Dalrymple, was an outstanding production and excellent learning experience for the students in the cast and the numerous staff and parents who took part. The collective participation of all the individuals who worked on the show helped to make the show a rousing success.

At the elementary level, concerts were held in January and May at the Olmsted/Richardson schools, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, jazz band, show choir and the concert band. Also in May, Olmsted and Richardson students, under the direction of Carol Allen, presented "Readin, Writin and Rockin," with over one hundred students participating in the program. In the three primary schools, students participated in musical tributes on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and individual schools held many end-of-the-year musical productions with outstanding student participation and individual and group performances.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program, the Facing History and Ourselves program at grade 9, National History Day at grade 8, the two day Hockomock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest, school Geography Bees, the Easton Film Festival, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.

In the Easton Historical Commission's Photography competition, Nicole DiCenso won first place in the historic beauty category. Laura Basovich was the winner of the grade 7 and 8 Geography Bee for the second year in a row, and Sarah Loftus won honorable mention in the National History Day Regional competition. Brendan Jones was selected for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, while Genevieve Mudd, Amanda Cowan and Ji-Sun Ham were selected to attend the National Young Leaders State Conference in Washington, D.C.

In the Foreign Language Department, thirteen Spanish V students and their chaperone, Mrs. Dahri McFaline, participated in the Exchange Program to La Mojonera, Spain. The trip included stays in Almeria, Granada, Toledo and Madrid. Students continued to achieve in the various languages, with students who were recognized through the National Latin exam in either Maxima or Magma Cum Laude including Jeremy Mudd, Daniel Holstein, Daniel Hamilton, Jonathan Morse, and Mary Rideout. Also, three graduating seniors were presented outstanding achievement awards, including Elana Maibor in Latin, Allison Day in French, and Matthew Babbitt in Spanish.

Students in Family and Consumer Sciences again baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children and the HUGS organization, donated hand sewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbecues for the three junior high school classes. At OAHS, the "Visiting Chefs" program continued to be a highly popular interdisciplinary addition to the school year. Local chefs from Easton and surrounding communities, including Chef Jim Messinger and Chef Mike Mattola, volunteered their expertise in the field to benefit the development of student skills.

In the English Department, students who were recognized for their appreciation of language and literature and received a copy of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare included Jennie Rose Halperin, Matt Burak, Kasara Martin, Avery White, Allison Day, Kristin Santangelo and Justine Cohen. The second annual Charlene Howarth Award was presented to Elana Maibor, who received a volume of The Complete Works of Edgar Allan Poe. Also, Jennie Rose Halperin received a special departmental award for her efforts as Editor in Chief of *Innisfree*, the high school literary magazine.

The Physical Education Department continued with the inclusion of "Quidditch" as part of the elementary curriculum. "Quidditch" provides a medium for interdisciplinary teaching and learning by applying imagery from reading lessons to an adaptation of the game of lacrosse. Classroom activities and current events are connected with meaningful experiences in physical education that foster school spirit, respect, responsibility, and good sportsmanship. The physical education staff at the junior high school continued to instill enthusiasm for running and cardiovascular fitness by sponsoring the annual "Muscato Mile," which coincided with the Great American Smoke-Out and encouraged students to make wise decisions regarding their health. At the high school, students focused on an awareness of the health-related components of fitness by completing writing assignments on cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance. These are then kept in student portfolios.

Mathematics students in the secondary schools continued to score well above the norm in the state mandated MCAS exam, the SAT test, and Advanced Placement exams. This was the second year that Oliver Ames offered both the AB and BC level Advanced Placement Calculus courses, as well as Algebra III/Trigonometry. Also, the OAHS Mathematics Team, led by Mrs. McGuirk with students from Algebra II to AP Calculus, was quite successful on the challenging tests provided by the American Scholastic Mathematics Association . Students on the junior high school Mathematics Team, led by Ms. Porter, once again excelled in the American Mathematics competition.

In the Science Department, at the grade 9 level, the physical science program moved into its fifth year of operation, utilizing technology grant money to support this initiative with laptop computers and state-of-the-art data collection probes. The junior high school engineering technology program again included grade 8 students, affording them practical problem solving experience and preparatory skills for the grade 9 physical sciences program.

At the high school level, the Oliver Ames Science Team, under the supervision of Mrs. Brockman, held the Science Olympiad at the Olmsted and Richardson Schools. More than one hundred Honors Chemistry students helped to prepare and implement hands-on science activities for the elementary students in these two elementary schools. The activities focused on science processing and higher level thinking skills. Graphing, extrapolation, measurement, estimation, inventing, communication, and inferring were emphasized in this interdisciplinary program.

The following Industrial Technology students received personal recognition for their craftsmanship and work ethic: Automotive Technology – Casey Stewart; Auto Body Technology – Eric Andrews; Building Construction – Douglas Keach; Mechanical Engineering – Peter McCann; and, Computer Servicing – Matt Burak.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the "Jump Rope for Heart" initiative; the Science Olympiad, through the coordination of the high school Science Team; the annual school wide art shows at both the Richardson School and the Olmsted School; the Biography Wax Museum for grade five students at Richardson; the district-wide grade 3 Family Science Night; the Bullying Education Program for grade 4 and grade 5 students, sponsored by Kids CARE and the Easton Family Task Force; Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Nights; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee; and, "A Living History," a collaboration between the Richardson School and the Ames Free Library.

Other elementary activities included student fundraising activities to provide support for victims of the Tsunami disaster; ongoing community service endeavors; the Dr. Seuss' birthday reading celebration

activities; the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions; the continued success shown by students in the New England Math League; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the SAFE Fire Safety Program; the Northeast Search Dogs Program; the Read Across America Program; the Operation Mail Call; the Lions Club Peace Poster International Contest; the World of Difference curriculum; Portfolio Breakfasts; and, individual school programs for students such as student councils, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, reading incentive programs, family math, science, technology and literacy nights, summer reading programs, and citizen of the month recognition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2006, staff training for implementation of the "Everyday Math" program in grades K-6 continued. The program, which was implemented in grade K-3 classrooms in 2005-2006, was implemented in grades 4, 5 and 6 in September, 2006. Also in the fall, mathematics teachers in grades 7 and 8 began piloting two math programs that are complementary to the "Everyday Math" teaching and learning strategies, and which will support curriculum and instructional articulation in grades K through 8.

Teachers in the five elementary schools also participated in workshops, institutes, mini-courses, study groups and graduate courses on a number of topics, including the following: Social Competency; Cognitive Coaching; English/Language Arts and Science alignments to state standards; science content issues; world geography units; assistive technologies for special education; restraint training; Wilson Language training; Anti-Bullying and Bullying Prevention; and Technology (math assessment software, use of MCAS rubrics for released test items, Appleworks and Safari, Print Shop OSX, Inspiration, Power Point, Microsoft Office Excel, and using 5 Star Sites).

At the junior high school level, the primary focus continued to be one of transforming the junior high school (building and programs) to not only a middle school philosophy, but also a middle school structure for the 2008-2009 school year. In addition to training in the piloted math programs, teachers received inservice in the use of the latest in graphing calculators. Also, training continued in Bullying Prevention and Anti-Bullying programs.

In the high school, professional development focused on a number of topic areas, including Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom; Managing Dysfunctional Student Behavior; Cognitive Coaching; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Assistive Technologies; Use of Graphing Calculators; StudentAssessment; and Drug Use and Recognition Strategies.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

Patricia Svajian, grade 1 teacher at the Parkview School, was selected by the Lions Club as Teacher of the Year. Also at the Parkview School, Katherine Ventre was selected for a second year as a presenter for the Buzzards Bay Writing Project, and Ruth Bluestone was asked to present at an international conference in her area of specialty, speech and language disorders.

Carrie Hammond, Moreau Hall library staff member, completed her Master's Degree in School Library Media Studies. Moreau Hall implemented the second year of a very successful grade one/grade two multiage classroom through the efforts of Mary Twiraga and the other staff members. Also, the Early Childhood Council worked over the year to streamline the Kindergarten Screening and Orientation Process, and to make recommendations for program and space utilization at the three primary schools when the third grades move to the Olmsted and Richardson Schools in the fall of 2008.

At the Center School, a FEEE grant was awarded to staff members Diane Ross and reading specialist Phyllis Finstein to pilot the DIBELS fluency assessment to be used by first grade teachers, for possible future implementation across the school district.

At the Richardson School, Allen Duarte was chosen to replace Dan Deneen as Interim Principal of the school for the 2006-2007 school year. Maura Fine and Kristen Maffeo of the Richardson staff, and Kerri Schwarz and Shawna Powers of the Olmsted staff, continued a job-sharing teaching model in grade 5. In this pilot program, the two teachers in each school shared a fifth grade class of students and the responsibility for all areas of the curriculum and social development. Also, Tiffany Blais, Wendy Puljanowski, Katey Noonan and Eileen Callahan received their Master's Degrees, and Sherrie Banchiere was named to the International Who's Who in Education.

At the Olmsted School, teachers Mikaela Messinger, Jenelle Markell and Joshua Mladenoff received their Master's Degrees, while reading specialist Cindy Olson was named to the DOE MCAS Standard Setting Panel for the new grade 6 Reading Assessment and served on the state-wide MCAS Development Committee.

Music teachers David Chace and Brian Sandberg received their Master's Degrees in Music Education, Industrial Technology teacher James Sullivan completed his Master's Degree program and received his Master's Degree, and Nancy Curtin was conferred her post Baccalaureate certification in Secondary Education in Chemistry.

Also at the secondary level, Mary Romans was selected as chair of the Mathematics Department. In addition, junior high Science teacher Kathleen Fowler received a 2006 "Thanks to a Teacher Award" from the *Brockton Enterprise*, and junior high library staff member Elaine Reasoner was named to Who's Who Among Professional Women in Teaching and Education.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Nancy Sullivan, continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, the district's Strategic Action Plan, and components of standards driven curriculum as performance based assessments. Ten standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Mathematics, co-chaired by Vanessa Beauchaine and Mary Romans; Science, chaired by Gary Mazzola, Maria Annunziato and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; English/Language Arts, chaired by Joan Nicholaides, Debra DiCenso and Robert Smith; Health, co-chaired by Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, chaired by Chris Margulies; Physical Education, chaired by Christine Powers; Social Studies, co-chaired by Dan Deneen and Edmund Hands; World Languages, co-chaired by Ron Riley and Bob Smith; Music, chaired by Charlene Dalrymple; and Art, chaired by Christine DiVirgilio.

Several of the committees completed new curriculum documents in 2006 which were approved by the Easton School Committee for implementation. These included the K-6 Science Curriculum, which was realigned with state frameworks and standards with new district-wide assessments developed for each grade level; the Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology course at the high school; and, Algebra III and Trigonometry at the high school.

The school system continued its curriculum revision cycle in Mathematics (K-6). After the Everyday Math program was implemented in grades K-3 for the 2005-2006 school year, the grade 4-6 implementation of the Everyday Math program took place at the Olmsted and Richardson schools in September, 2006 for the 2006-2007 school year.

In the spring of 2006, an expanded version of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing program was administered. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 participated in the MCAS. Following the release of the results in late September, parent meetings were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies. Once again, Easton ranked in the top twenty-five percent of all school districts in Massachusetts.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Oliver Ames more than 50% of all high school students participated in an athletic activity, and approximately 25% participated in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams did extremely well this past year. The girls' varsity basketball team won the Hockomock League title and then went on to win the State Championship at the DCU Center in Worcester.

The boys' soccer team shared the Hockomock League title and was successful in the state tournament, and both the girls' soccer team and the field hockey team qualified for the state tourney. The girls' cross country team won the Hockomock League with an undefeated record, and placed third in the State Championships. The girls were led by freshman Jenna Davidner, *Brockton Enterprise* Runner-of-the-Year and a *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic. The boys' cross country team excelled at the league championship meet, and Coach Neil Levine received "Coach-of-the-Year" honors by the *Boston Globe.*

The varsity baseball team again qualified for post-season play and played in the Division II South finals. During the past year, a number of student athletes from Oliver Ames High School were selected as Hockomock League All-Stars in the various varsity sports.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 12 junior varsity programs, 6 freshman programs and 6 programs at the junior high school.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The creation last year of the Hall of Fame in Easton also evidenced the wonderful support and direction provided by the residents of the town. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the emotional, financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was again a time of significant change and transition within the school system. We continue to be extremely concerned about inadequate State Aid and the availability of appropriate resources to meet the expectations that we have for ourselves and our student population. Nevertheless, we are grateful for our many blessings. We greatly appreciate the support of the Easton community that resulted in the successful passage of the June 6, 2006 operational override; the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, and our various booster groups; the extraordinary efforts of F.E.E.E. and the S.A.F.E. organization; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April's town election, Ellen Barlow was reelected for a three-year term. The committee appointed Dawn Marie Boynton as Chair and Jane Pike Benton as Vice Chair.

This past year has been a year of remarkable accomplishments. Voters approved an operational override, the first of its kind in 16 years; the town's largest school addition and renovation projects are well on their way to completion; student performance on standardized tests continues to exceed state averages; and fundraiser to support technology in the schools broke previous records.

On June 6, 2006, the voters of Easton approved a proposition 2 1/2 override the first successful operational override in the town since 1990. While ninety communities in the state sought overrides in 2006 to address funding needs, the vast majority were unsuccessful. With a margin of over 400 votes, Easton was one of only a few communities to support a permanent tax increase. The success of the override can be attributed to the extraordinary efforts of school and town administrators, elected officials, and members of the S.A.F.E. (Support A Future for Easton) political action committee.

After two consecutive years of funding our schools with reduced service budgets—resulting in increased activity fees, increases in class size and elimination of elementary positions—the override funds changed the tide. For the first time in decades, the school operating budget increased 10.3%. $1.1 million of a $2,531,120 budget increase was the school portion of the $3.4 million dollar override. A budget of $27,002,210 has allowed the administration and School Committee to begin to address the goals outlined in the district-wide Strategic Plan. Goals such as increasing course offerings at the high school, decreasing class sizes, text and material replacements, enhanced student support services, and full implementation of the elementary math program were made possible by the infusion of new funds.

The opening of the academic buildings that are part of the school addition projects was another great accomplishment. In April, high school students began classes in the new academic wing which houses 32 new classrooms. The class of 2006 had the distinction of being the first to celebrate Class Night in the new gymnasium. The Junior High project, soon to be the Easton Middle School, is well ahead of schedule. 7th and 8th grade students were able to start school in September in the new academic wing and enjoy the much needed expanded space in the cafeteria.

The Committee owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the Municipal Building Committee, who have given a great deal of their time and expertise to the school projects. The Building Committee has developed and sustained an excellent working relationship with the project manager, architect, contractors, school administration and town officials which has contributed greatly the success of the project to date

In anticipation of 6th grade students entering the Middle School in the fall of 2008, an Easton Middle School Transition Team has been formed. Under the leadership of Principal John Guiggio, the committee is comprised of Easton Jr. High teachers, FLO and Richardson 6th grade teachers, parents, community members and administrators. This committee is studying best practices, conducting surveys, and discussing middle school philosophy to optimize the success of the merger and the educational experience of students and teachers from the three schools.

Easton students continue to perform well academically, creatively, and athletically. Again this year, all seniors met the MCAS requirement for graduation, as they have since its inception. A remarkable 97% of the 2006 graduates have pursued further education. Students continue to achieve well above national levels on the SATs and attend well respected colleges. Approximately 75% of students taking advanced placement courses have achieved test scores that entitle them to college credit. Combined advanced and proficient MCAS test scores across the district continue to exceed state averages. During the year students

received numerous awards in music, art, academics, and athletics. Over 50% of Easton's high school students participate in athletics and 25% participate in music and drama.

The School Committee is tremendously grateful for the generosity of the community. Volunteerism in our schools and programs are at an all time high. Parents continue to provide classroom teacher support. Parent Advisory Councils and booster clubs continue to raise funds. FEEE, Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton, raised a staggering $110,000 for technology and teacher-requested grants during its 17th annual dinner dance and auction.

This year the School Committee finalized the development of a comprehensive Easton Public School Policy Manual, approved a revised Evaluation Process for Teachers, Departrment Heads and Assistant Principals, created a Naming Rights Policy, ratified a three-year contract with the Teachers, Assistant Principals and Secretarial Unions, approved new math and science programs, and entered into a three-year transportationbussing [check spelling] contract. The School Committee was instrumental in public forums, neighborhood information meetings, Town Meetings, and in newspaper articles, in communicating student needs to the community. Additionally, members of the Committee sat on boards and town committees such as School Planning Committee, Municipal Building Committee, FEEE Board, Audit Committee, Curriculum CCoordinating Councilommittee, and Naming Campaign Committee.

Our gratitude and best wishes go to Jean Churchill, Karen Danielson, Barbara Donovan, Leo Duggan, Janice Ferreira, Martha Heckman, Virginia Kent, Alexis MacLean, Martha Panagiotopoulos, and Shirley Sahl, who retired from the Easton Public Schools in 2006.

We feel blessed by the dedication and commitment of the entire educational community. Our administrators, teachers, parents and students clearly hold education in high regard. A large number of loyal volunteers have allowed us to provide far richer programs than would otherwise be possible. We greatly appreciate the continued support of the citizen of Easton, who have through their commitment to education, brought us closer to achieving our goal of providing the educational programs our students need and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Marie Boynton, Chair
Jane Pike Benton, Vice Chair
Caroline S. O'Neill
Ellen Barlow
William P. Braun

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ralph Armstead, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty vocational/technical training programs at its high school and five post-secondary programs at its Technical Institute. Southeastern added the Environmental Technology program this year. Environmental Technology helps meet the rising need for people trained in this career field. On October 1, 2006, 1202 students were enrolled in the high school and 105 students were enrolled in the Technical Institute. Easton had 65 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional is affiliated with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to develop ways to improve the delivery of vocational-technical education to our students. The SREB and their High Schools That Work (HSTW) program is a nationally-recognized school reform network. Much of the improvements of Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores, including increased promotion, retention and graduation rates for Southeastern students, are the result of improvements that were initiated through the HSTW program. The teacher-led HSTW team developed an action plan for the next three years focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics and an Advisor/Advisee program for incoming students. Teachers and administrators from Southeastern Regional shared their successes through presentations at the HSTW national conference this year.

Southeastern has raised its graduation requirements. Students must pass every course every year to graduate. Spanish and chemistry were added as academic offerings this year to meet college entrance requirements.

MY TURN, a private non-profit organization, continues to provide students with school-to-career and college placement activities.

Southeastern Regional graduated 254 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Students from the Class of 2006 were required to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test for graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the class received diplomas after meeting this requirement. Placement records indicate that 96.7% of the Class of 2006 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post-secondary education.

Program Advisory Committees met in November to discuss and provide recommendations and feedback regarding the Department of Education Certification of Occupational Proficiency (COP). The COP will provide a framework for vocational technical curriculum throughout the commonwealth and will develop instruments to assess the skill attainment of students. Similar to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test for academic programs, the COP will begin to standardize vocational technical education in Massachusetts. These committees, made up of industry representatives, parents, and students met again in May to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional School District Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern.

The Southeastern Technical Institute continues to operate five full-time day programs: Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). The Technical Institute works closely with the business community to assure students' skills match the skills required by employers. The strongest labor market demand in this area continues to be in the healthcare field.

The Evening School has classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three-night per week courses. Special computer courses for seniors are also offered. The Technical Institute is interested in offering additional customized training programs to business and industry.

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Bank Accounts	Balance June 30, 2005	+ Receipts	-Payments	Balance June 30, 2006
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	$ 21,632,289.91	$ 123,169,497.04	$ 123,258,454.70	$ 21,543,332.25
Trust Funds				
Stabilization Fund	$ 1,554,865.01	$ 33,371.81		$ 1,588,236.82
Conservation Fund	$ 992,560.58	$ 46,211.33	$ 118,131.00	$ 920,640.91
Unemployment Compensation	$ 81,779.28	$ 3,277.41	$ 6,474.15	$ 78,582.54
Pension Reserve Fund	$ 1,004.26		$ 1,004.26	$ -
Police Forefeiture Account	$ 10,413.14	$ 85.04	$ 3,369.21	$ 7,128.97
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	$ 4,393.67	$ 2,921.66		$ 7,315.33
Mary Stone Library Fund	$ 5,659.41	$ 133.51		$ 5,792.92
Subtotal	$ 2,650,675.35	$ 86,000.76	$ 128,978.62	$ 2,607,697.49
				$ -
Scholarship Funds				$ -
Ellen Atwood	$ 2,112.61	$ 49.84		$ 2,162.45
Parker Ames	$ 107,509.45	$ 6,349.36		$ 113,858.81
Mary A. Stone	$ 6,260.87	$ 147.70		$ 6,408.57
World War Memorial	$ 53,022.07	$ 1,822.75	$ 2,300.00	$ 52,544.82
Young	$ 3,166.22	$ 74.80		$ 3,241.02
Subtototal	$ 172,071.22	$ 8,444.45	$ 2,300.00	$ 178,215.67
				$ -
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				$ -
Furnace Village Cemetery	$ 22,261.28	$ 250.44		$ 22,511.72
Pine Grove Cemetery	$ 3,848.71	$ 90.79		$ 3,939.50
Immaculate Conception	$ 7,770.19	$ 183.31		$ 7,953.50
South Easton	$ 10,120.69	$ 238.76		$ 10,359.45
Unionville & Town Cemeteries	$ 13,254.17	$ 619.25		$ 13,873.42
Subtotal	$ 57,255.04	$ 1,382.55	$ -	$ 58,637.59
Total Cash	$ 24,512,291.52	$ 123,265,324.80	$ 123,389,733.32	$ 24,387,883.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 2005		**$623,093.25**
Additions:		
New Tax Takings FY 05	$ 69,671.80	
Subsequent Year "06"	$ 141,196.26	
Additional Fees & Interest Added to New Takings	$ 28,444.25	
Deductions:		
Redemptions:	$ 134,169.97	
Town Possessions:	$ 77,540.36	
Balance - June 30, 2006		**$650,695.23**

Annual Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector
Debt Statement

FY2006

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2005	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2006	Interest Paid in FY2006
Buildings	120,000.00		20,000.00	100,000.00	5,390.00
Departmental Equipment	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	275,000.00		100,000.00	175,000.00	13,400.00
School - All Other	1,710,000.00		95,000.00	1,615,000.00	61,418.00
Sewer	206,055.00	121,178.00	102,001.00	225,232.00	1,316.00
Solid Waste	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	2,234,160.00		270,480.00	1,963,680.00	107,592.00
SUB - TOTAL Inside	$4,545,215.00	$121,178.00	$587,481.00	$4,078,912.00	$189,116.00

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2005	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2006	Interest Paid in FY2006
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	16,190,000.00	0.00	975,000.00	15,215,000.00	754,025.00
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	4,560,000.00	0.00	300,000.00	4,260,000.00	185,914.00
Water	2,085,840.00	0.00	379,520.00	1,706,320.00	77,673.00
Other Outside	114,685.00	0.00	7,657.00	107,028.00	0.00
SUB - TOTAL Outside	$22,950,525.00	$0.00	$1,662,177.00	$21,288,348.00	$1,017,612.00
TOTAL Long Term Debt	$27,495,740.00	$121,178.00	$2,249,658.00	$25,367,260.00	$1,206,728.00

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2005	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2006	Interest Paid in FY2006
RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings				0.00	
School Buildings	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	698,056.00
Sewer				0.00	
Water	1,660,000.00	2,110,000.00	1,660,000.00	2,110,000.00	55,359.00
Other BANs	920,000.00	2,881,000.00	920,000.00	2,881,000.00	32,111.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	
TOTAL Short Term Debt	$22,580,000.00	$24,991,000.00	$22,580,000.00	$24,991,000.00	$785,526.00
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	$50,075,740.00	$25,112,178.00	$24,829,658.00	$50,358,260.00	$1,992,254.00

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2006
			1,500,000.00	1,100,000.00	400,000.00
			5,000,000.00	700,000.00	4,300,000.00
			200,000.00	137,657.00	62,343.00
			350,000.00	0.00	350,000.00
			150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
			400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
			200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
			66,000,000.00	47,372,391.00	18,627,609.00
			620,000.00	594,000.00	26,000.00
			500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
			13,525,935.00	0.00	13,525,935.00
			350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00
			600,000.00	600,000.00	0.00
			550,000.00	550,000.00	0.00
			1,750,000.00	1,475,000.00	275,000.00
			700,000.00	700,000.00	0.00
					0.00
					$38,116,887.00

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)	$0.00

TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt	$38,116,887.00

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2005	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2006	Interest Paid in FY2006
	20,000,000.00		20,000,000.00	0.00	698,056.00
	160,000.00		160,000.00	0.00	5,584.00
	480,000.00		480,000.00	0.00	16,753.00
	440,000.00		440,000.00	0.00	15,357.00
	900,000.00		900,000.00	0.00	31,413.00
	600,000.00		600,000.00	0.00	18,363.00
		20,000,000.00		20,000,000.00	
		700,000.00		700,000.00	
		1,475,000.00		1,475,000.00	
		550,000.00		550,000.00	
		900,000.00		900,000.00	
		120,000.00		120,000.00	
		366,000.00		366,000.00	
		340,000.00		340,000.00	
		540,000.00		540,000.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	22,580,000.00	24,991,000.00	22,580,000.00	24,991,000.00	785,526.00

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, which includes the balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town's general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit.

Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts. We received an unqualified or "clean" opinion from them.

My Assistant, Elizabeth "Betty" Morgan, will retire in early 2007 after 32 years of employment. I sincerely thank Betty for her many years of hard work and dedication to the Town. She has been an invaluable resource and will be greatly missed.

I would also like to thank Adilia Collazo and all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	4,866,889.31	6,736,104.09	6,375,311.31	1,751,527.26	4,658,051.44	-	24,387,883.41
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	434,690.36	21,928.14	-	-	-	-	456,618.50
Personal property taxes	20,758.12	-	-	-	-	-	20,758.12
Tax liens and foreclosures	903,186.67	-	-	-	-	-	903,186.67
Water user charges receivable	-	-	-	929,288.36	-	-	929,288.36
Water liens	-	-	-	29,817.96	-	-	29,817.96
Betterments	-	53,554.12	-	63,492.55	-	-	117,046.67
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	400,906.89	-	-	-	-	-	400,906.89
Departmental and other	636,275.94	66,115.33	-	-	-	-	702,391.27
Intergovernmental	-	538,658.24	-	-	-	-	538,658.24
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(708,281.05)	-	-	-	-	-	(708,281.05)
Inventory	-	-	-	75,989.33	-	-	75,989.33
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	34,261,975.75	-	-	34,261,975.75
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	23,056,903.61	23,056,903.61
Amount to be provided by the Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	6,554,426.24	7,416,359.92	6,375,311.31	37,112,091.21	4,658,051.44	23,056,903.61	85,173,143.73
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	183,278.10	117,395.94	2,068,034.34	33,963.91	-	-	2,402,672.29
Accrued liabilities	495,136.64	10,094.10	-	36,905.91	-	-	542,136.65
Retainage Payable	-	-	2,048,477.88	-	-	-	2,048,477.88
Deferred revenue	1,687,536.93	680,255.83	-	-	-	-	2,367,792.76
Tax refunds payable	962.70	-	-	-	-	-	962.70
Other liabilities	167,876.46	685.87	-	70,117.00	1,816,429.39	-	2,055,108.72
Notes payable	-	1,475,000.00	20,706,000.00	2,810,000.00	-	-	24,991,000.00
General long-term debt	-	-	-	2,310,356.10	-	23,056,903.61	25,367,259.71
Estimated landfill closure and postclosure liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	2,534,790.83	2,283,431.74	24,822,512.22	5,261,342.92	1,816,429.39	23,056,903.61	59,775,410.71
Fund Equity:							
Contributed capital	-	-	-	18,266,600.00	-	-	18,266,600.00
Retained earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	323,065.81	-	-	323,065.81
Unreserved	-	-	-	13,261,082.48	-	-	13,261,082.48
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	142,793.15	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	167,793.15
Reserved for continuing appropriations	292,225.76	-	-	-	-	-	292,225.76
Reserved for expenditures	339,000.00	1,491,671.20	-	-	99,119.00	-	1,929,790.20
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	-	74,295.69	-	74,295.69
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	1,025,188.92	-	-	-	-	-	1,025,188.92
Reserved for petty cash	400.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	2,400.00
Unreserved:							
Designated for snow & ice deficit	(139,108.30)	-	-	-	-	-	(139,108.30)
Undesignated	2,359,135.88	3,614,256.98	(18,447,200.91)	-	2,668,207.36	-	(9,805,600.69)
Total Fund Equity	4,019,635.41	5,132,928.18	(18,447,200.91)	31,850,748.29	2,841,622.05	-	25,397,733.02
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	6,554,426.24	7,416,359.92	6,375,311.31	37,112,091.21	4,658,051.44	23,056,903.61	85,173,143.73

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
Revenues							
Property taxes	31,101,091.80	695,040.99	-	-	-	-	31,796,132.79
Excise taxes	3,095,979.44	-	-	-	-	-	3,095,979.44
Penalties, interest & fines	224,059.17	1,806.52	-	23,438.38	-	-	249,304.07
Licenses, permits and fees	1,448,985.48	-	-	-	-	-	1,448,985.48
Investment income	502,212.83	121,891.75	-	71,517.09	88,187.06	-	783,808.73
Departmental	-	647,578.28	-	-	-	-	647,578.28
Intergovernmental - state	11,510,831.80	1,788,394.91	27,423,581.96	-	-	-	40,722,808.67
Intergovernmental - federal	-	1,350,970.36	-	-	-	-	1,350,970.36
User charges	-	-	-	2,990,201.77	-	-	2,990,201.77
Other	429,594.69	1,789,850.11	-	6,365.33	5,921.66	-	2,231,731.79
	48,312,755.21	6,395,532.92	27,423,581.96	3,091,522.57	94,108.72	-	85,317,501.38
Expenditures							
General government	9,995,341.43	1,551,497.55	-	-	4,873.76	-	11,551,712.74
Public safety	5,644,924.27	873,625.02	-	-	3,448.70	-	6,521,997.99
Education	25,046,934.87	2,601,647.15	30,693,245.70	-	8,300.00	-	58,350,127.72
Public works	2,214,660.82	470,568.91	71,564.17	-	-	-	2,756,793.90
Water	-	-	-	1,858,195.09	-	-	1,858,195.09
Human services	511,877.54	53,120.18	-	-	-	-	564,997.72
Culture and recreation	401,092.00	245,718.05	142,239.18	-	-	-	789,049.23
Debt service	3,496,157.83	-	-	164,777.24	-	-	3,660,935.07
State and county assessments	652,630.80	-	-	-	-	-	652,630.80
Capital outlay	456,591.83	-	-	-	-	-	456,591.83
	48,420,211.39	5,796,176.86	30,907,049.05	2,022,972.33	16,622.46	-	87,163,032.09
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(107,456.18)	599,356.06	(3,483,467.09)	1,068,550.24	77,486.26	-	(1,845,530.71)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from long-term borrowing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	934,858.24	(481,967.21)	214,000.00	(547,753.00)	(119,138.03)	-	-
	934,858.24	(481,967.21)	214,000.00	(547,753.00)	(119,138.03)	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	827,402.06	117,388.85	(3,269,467.09)	520,797.24	(41,651.77)	-	(1,845,530.71)
Beginning fund equity	3,192,233.35	5,015,539.33	(15,177,733.82)	31,329,951.05	2,883,273.82	-	27,243,263.73
Ending fund equity	4,019,635.41	5,132,928.18	(18,447,200.91)	31,850,748.29	2,841,622.05	-	25,397,733.02

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was newly formed in 2006, and is comprised of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Finance Committee, one member of the School Committee, and two citizens-at-large.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to:

- Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Town of Easton's financial and compliance reporting process and internal control system.
- Review and appraise the audit efforts of the Town of Easton's independent auditor.
- Provide an open avenue of communication among the independent auditor, financial and senior management, and the BOS.

To achieve these goals, we met several times with members of the Melanson & Heath audit team and discussed the roles and responsibilities of an Audit Committee, then reviewed with them a draft of the Fiscal Year 2005 Management Letter and Financial Statements. Because of the relatively new status of the Committee, and as a result of our rapport with the Melanson & Heath team, we recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the town re-engage Melanson & Heath as its independent auditor for the Fiscal Year 2006.

The Town Accountant discussed each recommendation in the External Auditor's Management Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2005, and we discussed with Melanson & Heath the internal controls used by the town.

We would like to thank Henry Mehler for his early service on our committee, and thanks to Town Accountant Wendy Nightingale for her help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles King, Chair
Jonathan Pike, Vice Chair
Brenda DeCosta, Secretary
Jane Pike-Benton

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006 was made by Melanson Heath & Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2006 REPORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FISCAL 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

The Capital Planning Committee met regularly from September through mid-January of 2006 to review the capital needs of Town departments. Using the new Capital Planning By-law as a guideline, the Committee classified the fiscal 2007 requests based on the evaluation criteria below. Once all items were classified, they were given a priority order. The Committee did not assign classifications or priorities to requests in fiscal years beyond fiscal 2007.

Fiscal 2007 Capital Improvement Prioritization List

The Committee classified the departmental requests based on the following evaluation criteria. The number below corresponds to the "Class" number assigned on the priority list:

1. Imminent threat to the health and safety of citizens or property
2. Improvement of a capital asset to facilitate maintenance of operations, not to include ordinary maintenance; these are intended to be expenditures that will avoid costly replacement in the future
3. Requirement of state or federal law or regulation
4. Improvement of infrastructure
5. Improvement of productivity
6. Alleviation of an overburdened situation

Items assigned with an "O" were given other, separate consideration because they would use other funding sources such as grants and water enterprise revenue or surplus revenue. No priority number was assigned to those items. The committee recommends funding all of these requests. Fiscal 2007 requests totaled $3,467,594 of which $1,064,199 was classified as "other." They are included in the five-year capital plan.

Five-Year Capital Plan

The five-year capital plan is attached to this report[1]. The plan is sorted first by the fiscal 2007 assigned priorities and then by department for the remaining fiscal years.

Other Matters

Mark Carpentier was re-appointed to the Committee, filling the vacancy following the resignation of at-large member Michael Boyle. Brian Nagle replaces Mark Carpentier as representative from the Finance Committee. Remaining Committee members are as follows: Charles Morgan (Chair,), Sharyn Katz (Vice Chair), Wendy Nightingale (Town Accountant), Christine Santoro (Planning Board) and Bruce Baker (at-large).

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Nightingale
February 1, 2006

[1] Due to sizing limitations, the five-year plan is not included in this Town Report. A full copy may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF EASTON
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 07 REQUESTS

DEPARTMENT	Class	Capital Planning Priority	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	INITIAL INCLUSION DATE	FY 07 Requested	
POLICE	1	1	Replace Three Police Cruisers - ***Committee recommends funding at least two vehicles at an approximate cost of $57,000***	FY 2005	85,000	(1)
DPW-Highway	2	2	Catch Basin Truck - *replace Vehicle #18* (1979 Ford)		185,000	(2)
DPW-Center Sch	2	3	Upgrade elecrical service, build electrical room to comply with NEC code and MA electrical code.	3/13/2001	120,000	(2)
DPW-Moreau	2	3	Upgrade elecrical service, build electrical room to comply with NEC code and MA electrical code.	3/13/2001	120,000	(2)
DPW-Parkview	2	3	Upgrade elecrical service, build electrical room to comply with NEC code and MA electrical code.	3/13/2001	120,000	(2)
DPW-Center Sch	2	4	New Heating System	3/13/2001	150,000	
DPW-Moreau	2	4	New Heating System	3/13/2001	150,000	
DPW-Parkview	2	4	New Heating System	3/13/2001	150,000	
DPW-Townhall	2	4	New High Efficiency Boiler & Controls	9/28/2005	150,000	
School Dept	3	5A	Mathematics Texts	8/31/2005	44,295	(2)
School Dept	3	5B	Enlgis/Language Arts Texts	8/31/2005	41,950	
School Dept	3	5C	Music Texts	8/31/2005	4,800	
DPW-Highway	4	6	Berm Machine - *replace equipment ID #77* (1988 Miller)		15,000	
DPW-Highway	5	7	1-Ton Dump Truck with Sander & Plow - *replace Vehicle #5* (1992 Ford) & #8 (1993 Ford) -***Committee recommends funding one truck each year over two years***		50,000	
School Dept	5	8	Student Database Hardware/Software	9/30/2005	100,000	
School Dept	5	9	Olmsted Copiers	9/30/2005	7,948	
School Dept	5	9	Junior High Copiers	9/30/2005	11,818	
School Dept	5	9	Parkview Copiers	9/30/2005	11,818	
School Dept	5	9	High School Copiers	9/30/2005	19,766	
DPW-Bldg & Grounds	5	10	Log Truck - *replace Vehicle #34 w/plow* (1986 Ford)		100,000	
DATA PROCESSING	5	11	G.I.S. (partial funding with grant money likely)	3/1/2005	300,000	
TOWN CLERK	6	12	Archival & Inventory of Permanent Records (Capital Improvement)	2006	25,000	
DPW-Bldg & Grounds	6	13	Field Line Painter (1997)		13,000	
DPW-Police/Fire #1	6	14	Renovate bathrooms to meet ADA requirements.	3/13/2001	50,000	
DPW-Police/Fire #1	6	15	Install insulated doors & ADA hardware.	3/13/2001	40,000	
DPW-Police/Fire #1	6	16	Eliminate icing at front apron, install new gutters with heat tapes and down spouts.	3/13/2001	25,000	
DPW-Police/Fire #1	6	17	New concrete pad at entrance to fire station.	3/13/2001	25,000	
DPW-Fire #3	6	18	Install A/C system.	3/13/2001	20,000	
DPW-Fire #3	6	19	Install rigid roof insulation & replace roof shingles, install shed vents at hip roof.	3/13/2001	193,000	
DPW-Center St	6	20	Replace single glazed windows with thermal pane.	3/13/2001	35,000	

TOWN OF EASTON
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 07 REQUESTS

DEPARTMENT	Class	Capital Planning Priority	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	INITIAL INCLUSION DATE	FY 07 Requested	
DPW-Center St	6	21	Replace non-existant septic system.	3/13/2001	40,000	
DATA PROCESSING	O		Upgrade of 2 servers (and all routers about every 5th year) using DP 01-051-02-5850	2/17/2005	20,000	
DATA PROCESSING	O		Replacement of about 25-28 computers and 1 server using Comcast money for each year	2/17/2005	35,000	
DPW Water	O		Well #3 Redevelopment	2005	25,000	(2)
DPW Water	O		Replace vehicle #121 F250 Utility Truck	2000	32,000	(2)
DPW Water	O		Master Plan Update	2005	50,000	
DPW Water	O		Replace Hydraulic Service Truck F550	2000	80,000	(2)
DPW Water	O		Pilot Testing for Treatment Plant at Wells 3, 5 & 7	2005	100,000	(2)
DPW Water	O		Paint Washington Street Tank	1998	600,000	(2)
FIRE	O		New Technology -***Committee anticipates funding with Homeland Security Grant***	5/28/2001	35,000	
FIRE	O		Fire Prevention Vehicle -***Committee anticipates that fire department will receive former cruiser as replacement and amount needed would be zero***	5/20/2003	25,900	
POLICE	O		Add XTS2500 Portables to Old System (funded from grant)	FY 2005	61,299	
			Total		**3,467,594**	

(1) Funded at special town meeting held on 2/7/07.
(2) Funded at annual town meeting adjourned to 6/12/06.

CLASS CODES
1 - Immenent threat to the health and safety of citizens or property
2 - Improvement of a capital asset to facilitate maintenance of operations, not to include ordinary maintenance; these
3 - Requirement of state or federal law or regulation
4 - Improvement of infrastructure
5 - Improvement of productivity
6 - Alleviation of an overburdened situation
O - Other Source of funding such as water surplus

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Public Works has been working with the Town Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, on a fixed asset inventory of the town's infrastructure to date. Information has been provided on our fleet inventory, accepted town roads and a comprehensive list of our drainage systems.

I would like to urge the residents to contact National Grid and report any street light outages @ 1-800-322-3223 or www.nationalgrid.us.com/streetlights.

The D.P.W. is responsible for the cost of 1,361 street lights with a budget of $148,000.

Monthly meetings have been held regarding the 16 mile Aquaria Pipeline that will be supplying desalinized water to the City of Brockton.

A committee of representatives from Taunton, Raynham, Easton and West Bridgewater was formed to coordinate the installation of the pipeline through the four communities, insuring equal compensation for all towns along the pipeline route and proper installation and notification of the project to all residents and businesses affected. Construction is scheduled for Spring of 2007.

The D.P.W. has been hosting a steering committee formed to work with the Old Colony Planning Council as part of a comprehensive corridor study of the state numbered routes through Easton (routes #123, #106, and #138). The study will assess existing conditions and develop recommendations and implementation strategies.

Roadway improvements have been completed at the Highland Plaza intersection of Eastman Street with modification to the signal lights, roadway widening and new curbing with no cost to the town as part of the Plaza expansion.

The Old Colony Planning Council Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) lists the Town of Easton Route #123 Roadway Project from Eastman Street to the Norton town line to be funded in FY 2008 as a federal project with an estimated cost of $4.1 million.

The firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) has been contracted with to redesign the Five Corners intersection with a realignment of Bay Road, the installation of modern traffic signals and overall widening of the intersection to accommodate the 20,000 plus cars that travel along Route #123 daily. Funding for this project will be requested through the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The D.P.W. has been working with VHB and the town's legal counsel to complete the recording of deeds of the 65 easements necessary for this project, which will include complete roadway reconstruction, new sidewalks and drainage improvements.

The Central Street Bridge project is listed by Mass Highway to accept bids on January 23, 2007. This project, once started, is scheduled to be completed in 18 months, which will include replacement of the two bridge superstructures, plus roadways and sidewalks from Route #138 to Water Street with both water main and gas line improvements.

The estimated cost of this project is $1.4 million, which is totally funded by MassHighway.

The D.P.W. Water Division has been renewing all water services on Central Street from an old 6" cast iron water main to a newer 12" ductile iron water main.

Once completed, the 1915 vintage 6" water main will be completely disconnected from the system.

The roadway construction project on Depot Street between Fox Ridge Road and the intersection of Bay Road will be completed in 2007 with the final course of top pavement on both the road and sidewalk. The project was delayed while Verizon installed new poles for the overhead utilities. This roadway improvement is funded through MassHighway as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at a cost of $1.3 million.

The Building and Grounds Division celebrated Arbor Day on April 28th with a ceremony at the Water Division facility at 417 Bay Road. A tree was planted in honor of Raymond Keyes, celebrating 40 years of employment with the Water Division.

The Water Division celebrated National Drinking Water Week on Saturday, April 29th at their office on Bay Road with an Open House and storm water poster contest.

The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held on Saturday, May 13th at the D.P.W. facility at 130 Center Street with 398 residents participating on a very rainy day.

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held their annual Awareness Day on Saturday, June 3rd with a tour of the new Mansfield Water Treatment Plant.

The D.P.W. Water Division was honored on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the State House in Boston during the Annual D.E.P. Drinking Water Awards ceremony by being presented with the Massachusetts Public Water System Award in the medium and large system category.

On Thursday, September 14th, the Water Division hosted a Regional Water Conservation Workshop as a result of a grant from the Massachusetts D.E.P. Water Division employees from Easton, Mansfield, Foxboro, Sharon and Norton received day-long training from national speaker Amy Vickers which included:

- Water Conservation Program Planning
- System Water Loss and Leakage Prevention
- Conservation Rate and Runover Issues

On Wednesday, August 2, 2006, Easton was hit with a severe rain and wind storm causing serious damage throughout the community. D.P.W. crews worked late clearing downed trees on Main Street, Elm Street, Bay Road, Foundry Street, Prospect Street, and Depot Street. The Water Division ran generators at the water storage tank and pumping stations due to power outages.

The greatest damage was along a path between Elm Street and Main Street toward Brockton. The D.P.W. spent several weeks clearing trees on town property at the Town Office, Elm Street Cemetery, and Unionville Playground.

The Town is very fortunate to have 37 talented and professional employees working at the D.P.W. I would like to thank them for their dedication, working many long hours dealing with not only the daily issues but the multitude of emergencies that arise during the course of a year. The office staff, Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson and Karen Gallo, continues to provide quality customer service.

The management team of Jack Marsh, Maurice Goulet, John Fresh, James Luke and Paul O'Neill has provided outstanding leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

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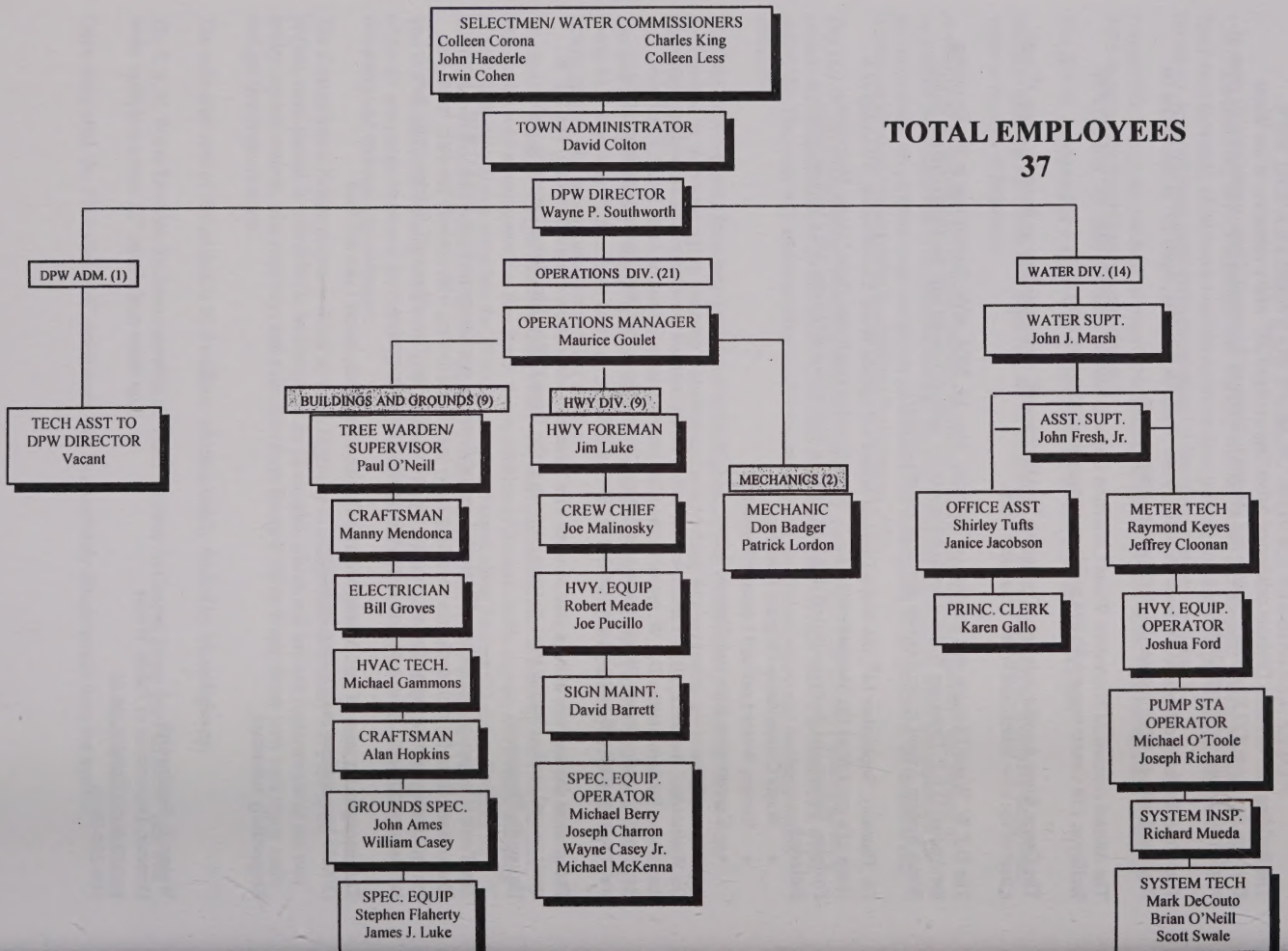
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - FY 07



TOTAL EMPLOYEES
37

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
OPERATIONS DIVISION

The **Department of Public Works Operations Division** is made up of the Highway, Fleet Mechanics, Building and Grounds, and Tree Departments. This Division is constantly striving to improve customer service within the community as well as within each town department.

The **Highway Department** took on an aggressive approach to spot-pave a variety of streets, to give more stability to these roadways. Until such time the DPW can schedule these roadways for reconstruction or repaving, the Highway Department will be working diligently to utilize different treatments of roadway repair to keep Easton's streets in decent shape. The Highway Department is also concerned with the drainage issues the Town of Easton faces. With constant cleaning, remodeling, and installation of new drainage basins, the DPW is trying to resolve as many issues as possible. Other activities you will notice during the year from this Department is street sweeping, debris drain clearing, flail mowing, snowplowing, sanding, line painting, drainage painting, sign maintenance, crack sealing, patching, berm work and edge of roadway maintenance.

The Department of Public Works also has the responsibility to maintain a fleet of 118 vehicles. With an aging vehicle inventory, the two **Fleet Mechanics** have made impressive strides by keeping these vehicles running and working safely for our employees. From inspection stickers and minor and major repairs to road emergency calls and snowplowing and sanding operations, the mechanics maintain a variety of vehicles and equipment in good working order.

The **Building and Grounds Department** relies on their specialized personnel to offer a high level of service. This Department maintains all town buildings which include all schools, police, fire, and town municipal offices with employees dealing with electrical, HVAC, construction and craftsmanship issues. Building and Grounds also take care of the exterior landscape of the town which includes maintenance of cemeteries, school fields, care and maintenance of the town pool, town bike path grass strips, playgrounds and the commons at the "Rockery". This Department is also responsible for lining all fields for sporting events, setting up for major events such as town meeting, graduation and sometimes parades.

The **Tree Department** has a big impact of why the Town of Easton receives "Tree City USA" status year to year. With the ever growing problems of tree decay within the town, this Department faces an enormous challenge to maintain roadways with tree removals, stump grindings, brush clearing and chipping. The Tree Department is responsible to maintain their equipment to the very highest level for safety to the public as well as to each other. Constant training and updates are a must to ensure this level of safety.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to James Luke (Highway Supervisor), Paul O'Neill (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden) and all of their dedicated staff:

John Ames, Don Badger, Dave Barrett, Mike Berry, Bill Casey, Wayne Casey, Joe Charron, Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Bill Groves, Al Hopkins, Pat Lordan, Jim Luke, Joe Malinosky, Mike McKenna, Bob Meade, Manny Mendonca, Joe Pucillo

for the fine work they have accomplished over this past year and their display of tremendous patronage to the community. Thanks also to Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson, and Karen Gallo for their support of this Division. Look forward to a very successful New Year.

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DPW Operations Division
Projects of 2006

HIGHWAY

Roadway Paving:		Linear Feet	Miles
Birch Road		1,280	0.24
Depot Street		2,711	0.51
Hermosa Drive		1,095	0.21
Live Oak Drive		658	0.12
Prospect Street		3,350	0.63
Susan Road		925	0.18
Westwood Road		1,199	0.23
	Total	**11,218**	**2.12**

Sidewalk Reconstruction:		Linear Feet	Miles
Barrows Street (Concrete)		600	0.11
Center Street (Asphalt)		2,850	0.54
	Total	**3,450**	**0.65**

Drainage Basins Cleaned:	**Total**	**1221**

Drainage Basins Newly Constructed:	**Total**	**9**

Drainage Basins Remodeled:	**Total**	**46**

Berm Installation:		Linear Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**3,124**	**0.59**

Traffic Marking: (Linepainting)		Linear Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**246,034**	**46.60**

Linepainting Crosswalks:		Each
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**95**

Crack-Sealing Roadways:		Linear Feet	Miles
Bay Road		2,150	0.41
Highland Street		5,980	1.13
Randall Street		8,155	1.54
	Total	**16,285**	**3.08**

Roadway Repair:		Tons
Canton Street, Deborah Lee Lane, Elm Street, Depot Street, Harlow Street, Hayward Street, Howard Street, Kingsley Road, Randall Street Red Mill Road, Rollins Road, Sheridan Street	**Total**	**315**

Emulsion for pavement:		Gallons
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**131**
Pothole Patching:		Tons
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**88**
Fleet Maintenance:		Vehicles
Various Town Departments	**Total**	**118**
Street Sweeping:	**From 3/7/06 to 4/21/06**	
Town-wide		
Flail Mowing:	**From 6/20/06 to 10/7/06**	
Town-wide		
Sanding Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**12**
Snowplowing Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**5**
Winter Chemical Teatments (Roads):		Tons
Town-wide	**Total**	**2,167**
Accepted Town Streets:		Miles
Town-wide	**Total**	**112**
Unaccepted Town Streets:		Miles
Town-wide	**Total**	**19**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tree Removal (over 8" diameter)		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**179**
Tree Removal (under 8" diameter)		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**38**
Stump Removal		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**57**
Cemetery Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**29**
Field Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**22**
Playground Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**7**

Field Lining for Sporting Events		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**26**
Christmas Tree Disposal		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**407**

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE TREE WARDEN/BUILDING & GROUNDS SUPERVISOR

The Building & Grounds Division has continued the maintenance of trees along the public ways. Trees have been removed along roadsides because they were dead, dying or a potential danger to either traffic along the roads or pedestrians on the sidewalks. A number of trees were posted for removal due to visibility problems when exiting driveways or at curves. Brush has been removed along roadsides to improve visibility at intersections, curves, and around signs. Stumps have been removed, filled in and seeded when necessary and trees were planted when funds were available. Storm damage was cleaned up and taken care of as needed. Residents in need of firewood or woodchips can be added to a Town list by calling the Department of Public Works. The Department also chipped over 400 Christmas Trees that were dropped off by the residents.

Arbor Day was celebrated the last Friday of April as always. This past Arbor Day we planted a tree in honor of one of our Town employees, Raymond Keyes, who has been a dedicated employee of the Easton Water Division for over 40 years. The Town of Easton was named Tree City U.S.A. for the 18th consecutive year.

The Building & Grounds Division also maintains the athletic fields at the schools by mowing and lining them for all sports events (i.e. football, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, softball, field hockey, and track). Cemeteries and roadsides are also maintained by the division in addition to all Town owned buildings and playgrounds.

The Division's H.V.A.C. technician has received work orders that range from small leaks in steam or water pipes to changing circulating pumps and/or air conditioning roof top units that service the schools and other buildings. Two new boilers were installed at the Police/Fire Station on Lothrop Street. These were necessary to replace the original boiler that was installed in 1969. This improvement should be more efficient and be cost saving in the future. Work continues on boilers and heating units throughout the Town. Some of the boilers are in excess of 50 years old and showing their age. The High School and Junior High School are newer systems due to the construction at each school.

New gutters were installed at Fire Station #1 on Lothrop Street and Fire Station #3 on Bay Road to stop water damage being caused from water coming through the old rotted gutters. Gutters were also installed at the Town Barn on Center Street. Gutter Guards were added to the gutters at the Olmstead & Richardson schools to prevent debris and ice from falling into the playground areas.

Work is being done on the Waste Treatment Plant on Lothrop Street. Sewer manholes have been inspected and leaks have been repaired, drains have been cleaned and pumped out. Manholes were added for both additions at the High School and Junior High School.
More work will be needed for the distribution end. New effluent pumps were needed at the Police/Fire Station to pump waste water up to the treatment plant.

Our electrician receives work orders from most every department in Town but mostly from the school department. He has been involved with much of the construction problems at both schools locating wires dug up during excavation and repairing outside lighting. He is on hand for all fire and smoke alarm testing as well as elevator inspections. All fire alarm panels have been updated throughout town. Security Systems have been installed in all the schools. All the lights have been replaced at Moreau Hall with high efficiency lighting.

The division sets up the voting equipment for all elections at the High School, Knights of Columbus, and the Easton Baptist Church at Bay Road and Rockland Street. They also set up for Town Meetings at the appropriate school location. They move bleachers and chairs from Militia Park and Parkview and Center

Schools for graduation ceremonies. Chairs and risers are moved from one school to another for plays & musicals performed several times a year. The division also assists with snow plowing/removal and sanding operations during winter months.

I would like to express my gratitude to the employees of the Building & Grounds Division, Manny Mendonca, Alan Hopkins, Bill Casey, John Ames, Mike Gammons, Bill Groves, Jim Luke and Steve Flaherty for their dedication, ideas and the pride they take in their work. I would also like to thank the other divisions of the Public Works Department for their assistance and continued support during the past year. Last but not least the Office Staff, Jan Jacobson, Shirley Tufts and Karen Gallo for their outstanding job keeping things running smoothly through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul O'Neill
Tree Warden/Building & Grounds Supervisor

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

MISSION STATEMENT
The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2006.

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	48,489,000	July	81,199,000
February	42,202,000	August	81,835,000
March	47,253,000	September	61,111,000
April	56,416,000	October	51,435,000
May	60,397,000	November	44,488,000
June	63,596,000	December	45,162,000
		Total Pumped	683,583,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,644,000 gallons on August 1st.

Total 2006 Precipitation was 56.67 inches.

The Water Division responded to 2,574 service and emergency calls:
Connected 40 new services for a total of 7,134 active services
Replaced 221 meters
Renewed 31 services
Repaired 6 service leaks
Repaired 11 broken water mains
1 – 6" mains 10 – 8"

In 2006, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
172' of 4" water main
797' of 6" water main
3,124' of 8" water main
1,725' of 12" water main
18 new fire hydrants
46 new valves

We now have a total of 161 miles of water mains, 1,446 hydrants and 3,123 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 42,076 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 28,315 routine water bills, 353 property transfer bills and 353 miscellaneous bills.

This completed the eighteenth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 343 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 33 commercial buildings, 5 institutional buildings and 2 industrial buildings were surveyed. We have 276 testable devices in the system, 157 double check valve assemblies, 105 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 14 non-required devices. This year 349 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we have taken the following samples for analysis:

685 bacteriological
7 nitrate
3 routine chemical
2 nitrite
9 secondary contaminants
6 volatile organic compounds (VOC)
2,108 pH
1,908 chlorine residual
16 Trihalomethane
16 Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
1 sodium
3 Gross Alpha Particle Activity
3 Radium 226 & 228
3 SOC
3 IOC

Our meter modernization program was completed in early 2006. We now are reading meters on a monthly basis and providing all customers with a quarterly water bill. With the new technology we have been notifying customers of leaks within their plumbing system. During 2006 we have detected over 14,000,000 gallons of annual water leakage with a potential annual savings of $62,000 to the home owners.

Construction of our new well and pumping station #7 was completed by Dankris Builders Corporation of Plainville, MA. The supply went online in mid April. Although this water supply does not increase our allowable water withdrawal regulated by the MA Water Management Act 310 CMR 36.00, it does allow us to manage our water withdrawals more effectively throughout the town by balancing our withdrawals.

The contract for the cleaning and painting of the 2,000,000 gallon Washington Street standpipe was awarded to Amstar of Western New York Inc. in the amount of $389,400.00. The storage tank was taken offline on October 3, 2005 to start the project. This project was completed and the standpipe was put back into service on January 12, 2006.

The contract for the cleaning and painting of the 2,000,000 gallon Bay Road Reservoir was awarded to Hemi Enterprises Inc., South Attleboro, MA in the amount of $352,700.00. This project is scheduled to begin in early spring of 2007.

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 21 system-wide leak surveys to date. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 13 consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the month of April. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

The staff continues to educate our peers, students, and the public on water conservation and the operations of the Water Division. We continue to give numerous presentations to Water Works organizations, providing tours and training to Brownie and Girl Scout troops, as well as holding the Annual Open House.

The meeting room at the Easton Water Division office at 417 Bay Road continues to be in high demand, as one of the only town meeting rooms.

We conducted our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 13, 2006 with 398 residents participating at a cost of $12,615.15 to the Town. I would like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their continued effort in assisting in this event with the collection of TV's, computer monitors, and white goods. Our collection day for 2007 has been scheduled for April 21st.

The Water Division hosted its 22nd Annual Open House on Saturday, April 29, 2006 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton school system—especially, Dr. William Simmons, School Superintendent, Dr. Michael A. Green, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, Christine DiVirgilio, Achim Krasenbrink, Susan Masse, Kathie Hayes, and Betty Minuskin of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate the students to the value of water and the need to protect it.

The Water Division continues to remain leaders in the water works industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. As a manager, it is certainly rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Janice Jacobson, Karen Gallo, John Fresh, Jr., Raymond Keyes, Richard Mueda, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, Michael O'Toole, Jeffery Cloonan, Mark DeCouto, Brian O'Neill and Scott Swale.

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2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held eleven meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

The 19th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day was held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Mansfield Water Treatment Plant with tours of the facility provided by Steve Bishop, Mansfield Water Department Foreman.

On May 4, 2006, Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, was honored by receiving the very prestigious EPA Environmental Award acknowledging her tireless efforts on behalf of the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee as well as her many successful land acquisition undertakings for the Town of Norton and her efforts in the promotion of environmental awareness.

The Easton Water Division applied for and received a $30,000 grant for water conservation from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. A section of the grant included a one-day workshop for members of each of the five water divisions within the Canoe River Aquifer. Amy Vickers conducted the workshop at the Easton Water Division. Forty personnel from the five communities were in attendance for the all day workshop.

Elizabeth Sorenson, Director of the Massachusetts ACEC Program and Susan Beede, ACEC Coordinator, met with the Committee to update them on their present program initiatives.

The Committee members have spent considerable time planning for CRAAC's 20 Year Anniversary Celebration in the year 2007.

The Committee was saddened by the death of Frederick Watson, long-time member from Norton.

The Committee would like to extend its appreciation to Easton Water Superintendent Jack Marsh for all his hard work in designing our website, CRAAC.org.

The Committee would like to thank Karen Gallo, Easton; Jan Fowler, Easton; Eileen Zinni, Foxboro; and Antonetta Ackerman of Sharon for all of their fine work assisting with the monthly minutes and mailings.

NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON.

THE FOLLOWING **2007** SCHEDULE IS AS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007	SHARON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007	FOXBOROUGH TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2007	SHARON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007	FOXBOROUGH TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Present Membership

Norton	*Foxborough*	*Sharon*
Susan Mims	Robert W. Boette	Gregory Meister
Suzanne Erickson	Joan F. Sozio	Dave Masciarelli
	Leo Potter	

Easton	*Mansfield*
John H. Fresh, Jr.	Edward Tartufo
Wayne P. Southworth	Leonard F. Flynn

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Water Resource Advisory Commission is charged with the responsibility of advising the town on the adequacy in quantity and quality of the public water supply. The commission is also responsible for recommendations about acquiring land, surface water, and ground water within the town, as well as land or easements necessary to collect, store, purify, and treat water supplies. All of these responsibilities are being handled extremely well by the Easton Water Division.

Steven Barth was appointed to the Commission, replacing Eugene Packer. Eugene served the Commission for six years.

The Commission meets on an as needed basis. During 2006, there were no issues that came before the commission.

We would like to thank John Marsh, Operations Manager, and Wayne P. Southworth, DPW Director, for their input and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

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Water Resource Advisory Commission Members
James D. Mullen, Jr.
Steven Barth

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the year 2006.

OPERATIONS

2006 was another busy year for the Easton Fire Department. The department responded to a total of 3304 incidents in 2006. A total of 6189 pieces of apparatus were utilized to handle those incidents. The department responded to 57 fires in structures, 45 brush fires, 14 vehicle fires, and 83 other types of fires. The department also responded to 1232 medical emergencies and 433 automobile accidents. A total of 1164 patients were transported to local hospitals. The remainder of the responses can be categorized as either investigations of potentially hazardous situations or public service calls.

Three members of the Easton Fire Department completed their employment during 2006. On June 30, 2006, Firefighter / Paramedic Aaron Fisher transferred to the Somerset Fire Department. On July 4, 2006 Firefighter Michael Graca retired after 35-years of professional, dedicated, and loyal service to the Town of Easton. One of Easton's first paramedics, Firefighter Arthur Keefe also retired on December 24, 2006 after 12-years of service. We would like to thank all three for their hard work and commitment toward providing a better service to the people of Easton. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

Once again I must emphasize that we are under-staffed for a department that is required to cover 29.4 square miles and protect approximately 24,000 residents. With the passage of the Proposition 2 ½ override in May, the number of funded firefighting positions was increased by two (2) to a total number of thirty-six (36). The total 2006 compliment of fire department personnel is only one (1) more than we had funded in 1987. It remains increasingly difficult to handle the escalating demands for service with the very limited on-duty staffing. The incidence of multiple emergency calls taking place simultaneously increases each year as the town continues to grow. Citizens are being forced to wait for dangerously long periods of time for the arrival of emergency vehicles because the on-duty personnel are committed to other calls.

The three (3) vacancies produced by the retirements listed above coupled with the two (2) additional positions created with the passage of the Proposition 2 ½ override have not as yet been filled with new personnel. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Human Resources Division (Civil Service Unit) did not release a certification list until late in December 2006. The inability to fill the vacant positions has resulted in the need to cover the open positions with overtime funding. As a result, one of our three (3) fire stations will have to be closed frequently during the later part of the fiscal year (March, April, May, June). Closing a station is a dangerous practice for several reasons. First of all, due to the size of the town and the poor road networking system (as pointed out by the Fire Study conducted by consultants in 1997.), three stations are needed to provide adequate coverage. With a station closed, the response times increase. In an emergency situation time can be a critical factor in determining the outcome of that situation. Secondly, the reason a station is closed is due to insufficient on-duty personnel to man the apparatus. We man our apparatus with only 2 firefighters (far below the accepted minimum national standard of 4). With insufficient staffing, the safety of the personnel responding to the needs of the community is jeopardized. Closing a station also hinders our ability to respond to multiple calls. As mentioned above, with increasing frequency there are times when all available on-duty personnel are committed to one call leaving no one available to respond to the next incident. We do have a method in place to call back off-duty personnel, but the number of call back personnel is minimal and unpredictable. We are forced to rely on mutual aid apparatus to respond to calls in our own town. Mutual aid is a vital part of any emergency response system, but the response times can be lengthy.

To emphasize how critical the situation has become, in 2006 Easton Fire Department apparatus (fire trucks and ambulances) responded on mutual aid to assist all our surrounding communities 76 times. Yet we had to call apparatus in from other communities 164 times to assist us. There were 1164 patients transported to

area hospitals in 2006. 142 of those patients were transported by out of town ambulances. Not only were there delays in providing emergency services while waiting for the mutual aid ambulances to arrive, but there was also a loss of revenue to the Town of Easton (the transporting ambulance bills for services). From the chart below, you can see that each year we are relying too heavily on our neighboring communities to provide the services we cannot provide with current staffing levels.

Patients transported by mutual aid ambulances

1997 = 62 or 6.9%
1998 = 68 or 7.7%
1999 = 80 or 9.4%
2000 = 116 or 10.3%
2001 = 103 or 10.2%
2002 = 125 or 12.7%
2003 = 137 or 14%
2004 = 147 or 14%
2005 = 172 or 15%
2006 = 166 or 14%

Mutual aid is a concept that has been utilized by the fire service for over a century. It is a system designed to help every city and town deal with those **unusual incidents** that a community cannot handle on their own. After the events of September 11, 2001 local fire and police departments are expected to be the "first line of defense" against terrorist activities and events involving weapons of mass destruction. However with current staffing levels, we must rely on mutual aid just to handle the day-to-day routine calls. With all neighboring cities and towns experiencing financial difficulties, mutual aid may not be as reliable as it has been in the past. This will further reduce our ability to provide the emergency services expected and demanded by the citizens of Easton.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Firefighting and emergency medical training are vital to ensuring that the Easton Fire Department is able to respond effectively and efficiently to the many calls for assistance that we receive. Most of the training is conducted "in-service" while the personnel are on duty, but many members take advantage of training and educational opportunities on their own "off-duty" time. Captain James Walsh is the department's training officer and coordinates the training activities. We frequently work directly with the instructors and training staff of the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy as well as training instructors from surrounding communities. This ensures that firefighting practices and procedures keep pace with new advances in technology and tactics.

As a direct result of the events of September 11, 2001 and more recently the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast, the federal government has mandated that all first responders be trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). A large portion of the in-service training this year was spent on completing NIMS training courses.

On an annual basis all EMTs, from the basic level to the paramedic level, are required to complete many hours of continuing education in order to improve their ability to deliver high quality medical care. Our EMS Training Coordinator FF / Paramedic Brendan McCarthy and Advanced Life Support coordinator FF / Paramedic Evan Malone conduct most of the medical training for department members along with offering CPR and first-aid training to various groups in the community. Doctor Henry Crowley has been contracted to be our ambulance service medical director and is committed to providing oversight over the entire medical delivery system. He has been conducting monthly training sessions for all of our medical personnel.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FIRE PREVENTION

The most important function of any Fire Department is to prevent the occurrence of situations that produce injury, death, destruction to property or negatively impact our environment. We try to accomplish this through our Public Education and Fire Prevention division.

The S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program is now in its 12th year. This program is a cooperative effort between firefighters, school principals, teachers, and students. The program was originally developed and funded through a state grant. To date, the S.A.F.E. grants for this year have not been funded. We have been working with our State Senators and State Representatives in an effort to restore funding to this proven fire safety program. Even without state funding, I am very proud to say that this extremely important and successful program was presented to elementary school students, all though on a "scaled back" manner through the determined efforts of Captain Dave Beals, FF Larry Blye and FF Chris Mills. We hope the program continues to grow in the future.

The demands on the Fire Prevention office are continuing to increase. A great deal of new construction is taking place in Easton at this time. Hundreds of residential, commercial, and industrial inspections were completed during the year. We have seen an increase in the need for residential and commercial plan reviews as well.

FIRE ALARM

Captain James Walsh and FF William Wolffe performed repairs and maintenance procedures to the municipal fire alarm system. Several new radio activated fire alarm boxes were installed during the year. Master alarm boxes activated by a building's internal fire alarm system were installed at the following locations; Walgreens, CVS (Depot St.), Holy Cross Center, Hollywood Video, and the Stoneforge Grill. Fire alarm boxes were also added on the following streets / developments; Tanglewood Estates, Fox Hill Estates, Kevin's Way and Cinnamon Circle.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

A new pumping engine (Engine # 4) was placed in service in April. This new truck was purchased through a 2005 federal "Assistance to Firefighters" grant. It replaces a 1981 Mack pumper that was in extremely poor condition. Congressman Stephen Lynch and his staff played a major role in advocating for the acceptance of our federal grant application.

With the acquisition of this engine, I am proud to report that our fire apparatus is currently in very good condition.

Ambulance # 2, a 1999 Horton, is starting to show signs of 7-years worth of wear and tear. It currently has over 86,000 road miles on it. I have requested funding in the FY-08 Capital Budget plan to replace this ambulance.

Fire Station # 2 on Depot Street, our oldest station, is in need of repairs or replacement. This station was built in 1934 under a Federal WPA project. The Fire Study committee concluded that a three-station configuration is necessary to adequately cover the Town. Of our three stations, the Depot Street station is most ideally located. It offers immediate access to the Town's only major east / west connector (Route 123) and is closest to our main north / south connector (Route 138). I have also requesting funding in the FY-08 Capital Budget plan to start planning for the renovation or replacement of the Depot Street station.

On December 14, 2006 we received notification from Senator John Kerry's office that we have again been awarded an "Assistance to Firefighters" grant in the amount of $101,100. This will allow us to complete the installation of a much needed Vehicle Exhaust Removal System in all three (3) fire stations. The federal government will provide 90% of the funding ($90,900) and the Town of Easton will be responsible for 10% of the funding ($10,110). I have requested that an article be placed on the warrant of the next special town meeting to fund the town's portion of the grant.

PERSONNEL

In July, the following firefighters were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; Ronald Keeman, Thomas Nicholson, James Tully, and Jeffrey Webster. The new Lieutenants all have a minimum of twenty (20) years of experience with the Easton Fire Department. They will add an increased level of expertise, supervision, and safety to our operations.

The members of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department continue to donate many hours of their own time in order to ensure that the department responds efficiently to the needs of the community. I would like to thank all of them for their commitment to this effort.

Mission Statement:

> "The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE".

TO REPORT A FIRE OR ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

For other Fire Department business or assistance, dial 508-230-3311

Additional phone numbers;

Fire Chief's Office 508-230-0750
Fire Prevention Office 508-230-0750
Fax Number 508-238-2891

CONCLUSION

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the officers, firefighters, and the department's administrative secretary (Pam Berglund) as well as the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, all the Department heads and members of the various Town boards and committees for their assistance over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Stone, Fire Chief

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the war on terror continues, the officers of the Easton Police Department receive training in numerous anti-terrorist subjects. The department's supervisors are currently receiving training in the National Incident Management System.

Three new officers were appointed to the department and two of them are currently attending the Weymouth Municipal Recruit Training Facility and are expected to graduate on the 20th of April 2007. At that time they, Sean Lynch and Andrew Salisbury, will continue their training with an extensive eight weeks of field officer training while on patrol in Easton. The third officer appointed this year, Anthony Dicarlo, was activated in the United States Coast Guard before he was able to begin the police academy and is currently serving overseas. He is in all of our thoughts and prayers.

Illegal drug use is still a growing problem; the Police Department, in cooperation with the School Department, began a drug awareness and educational program aimed at teachers and parents. We also reached out to those fighting Heroin and Oxycontin abuse with referrals to local physicians. The Northern Bristol Country Drug Task Force was formed including the towns of Mansfield, Norton, Raynham, Attleboro and Easton.

Officer George Allen began his new duties as the School Resource Officer, spending most of his time at the Easton Junior High School and all of the elementary schools.

The detective division experienced a busy year with increases in illegal drug activity, computer related crimes, larcenies and identity theft. Unfortunately, personnel can't be spared from the patrol division to increase the number of detectives. The Detectives attended numerous training seminars in an attempt to keep up with the rapidly changing technology.

Officer Denise Papagno, the Department's Domestic Violence Officer, continues to chair the Easton Family Violence Task Force. The task force is committed to eliminate family violence through awareness, prevention, education and early intervention. The task force focuses their efforts on high risk populations. They continue to offer anti-bullying and teen dating violence prevention programs in the Easton Public Schools, along with internet safety and bullying programs for parents. Family violence prevention holds a high priority with the Department; family violence affects over 1000 of the Town's residents annually.

In collaboration with the Police Department, the H.U.G.S. II (Help Us Get Safe) program has increased violence awareness and education. This year, in addition to its valuable confidential services, H.U.G.S. II has supported clergy training, teacher training, awarded grants to the community for various prevention programs, offered a self-protection course for women and awarded two scholarships to Easton students who displayed a commitment to volunteering. The group also continues to support the Recreation Department to ensure the continuation of the Junior High School homework club which also includes a late bus for all students participating in the after-school programs.

In an effort to prevent motor vehicles crashes, the Department has increased its enforcement program. Officer Lonnie Ataman has led the way with aggressive, but fair, enforcement of speeding and red light laws.

The Department continues its association with Easton's No Place for Hate committee. Its purpose is to promote respect for diversity and prevent and respond to hate crimes by challenging anti-Semitism. Homophobia, racism, hate and bigotry of all forms.
Easton's' Triad , a collaboration of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department, the Council on Aging and Officer James McAvoy of the Easton Police Department continued to serve the seniors in the community. During the year programs such as the annual chicken barbecue, spaghetti dinner, a trip to the Boston Pops

and a Christmas shopping trip were held. Seminars promoting safety such as driving classes for the elderly, avoiding identity theft, financial scamming and Project Lifesaver along with the Yellow Dot Program were very successful and well attended. Special thanks to Father Bradley R. Beaupre and the staff at the Holy Cross Church where the meetings are held and Roche Bros. for their financial support of the program.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Department and the various other Departments in the Town for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

2006 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered	2,990

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	17
Rapes	0
Sexual Assaults	5
Robberies	12
Assault & Battery/Weapons	9
Assault & Battery	48

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	33
B & E Motor Vehicle	44
B & E Business	28
B & E Attempts	18

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	103
Larcenies under $250	107
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	13
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	6
Shoplifting	17

In Custody

ARRESTS	254
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	26
Protective Custody	9

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Situations	178
Domestic Violence	34
Disturbance	122
Disorderly Persons	16
Noise Complaints	173
General Service	728
Missing Persons	40
Vandalism	241
Alarms	1327
Annoying Phone Calls	59
Animal Complaints	269
Barking Dog Complaints	17

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	1
Property Damage Accidents	352
Personal Injury Accidents	128

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Traffic Citations	3122
Pistol Permits/FID's Issued	300

PROBLEMS OR COMMENTS

Police Chief Thomas Kominsky tkominsky@easton.ma.us
Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik akrajcik@easton.ma.us

Telephone number 508-230-3322

MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property, and the constitutional rights of all citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that by working together our community has the ability to form its own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Kominsky
Chief, Easton Police Department

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Animal Control Department is responsible in enforcing the State, county and local government animal laws. Protecting citizens form intimidation and injury from animals. Protecting the animals from health hazards, especially rabies. Protecting the animals from abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to the State laws.

The control officers for the Town of Easton can be reached by calling (508) 230-3353 in case of an emergency (508) 230-3322.

We would like to thank all the owners who are in compliance with the license laws. Licensing your dog is a valuable tool because it gives us information about the rabies vaccination and ownership of the dog. This information is extremely important to us in case of a bite incident, or contact between your dog and wildlife, or if a vehicle strikes your dog. A licensed dog shall wear around its neck or body a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a license tag.

A rabies vaccination by law is required for all dogs and cats. A collar to identify the owner of your cat would be a great assist in getting the cat returned to the owner if found. A dog can be identified by its license tag.

We would like to thank Marie Graca and Maureen Call for their time and effort in composing a list of all dog owners in the Town; this is invaluable tool which helps us to follow up on unlicensed dogs.

Six animals were submitted to the State Lab Virology Division for rabies testing they were one cat, one fox, a skunk, a dog and two raccoons. All tested negative.

West Nile Virus is still around we sent five birds into the lab to be tested. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has a new protocol for submitting dead birds to the State lab. They are as follows; if specimen is a crow or blue jay, has been dead less than twenty-four hours, and is intact and free of maggots, flies and ants, it can be tested.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTIC

Calls received	1862
Complaints	1416
General Info	446
Missing animals	121
Dogs picked up	34
Dead animals	161

Twenty-seven dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. Six dogs were turned over to rescue leagues and one euthanized. Seven cats and four kittens were turned over to the MSPCA. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals.

We received numerous calls from residents who had encounters with wildlife in their yards. Advice was giving to eighty-two of the calls. Fifty-four of the calls resulted in the animal being trapped and released onsite or being destroyed.

Calls for sightings of wildlife are increasing due to the diminishing of their habitat. This causes them to prey closer to the populated areas to find food. Make sure dog and cat food are not left outside and garbage is properly covered.

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints with hearings held at the Police Station. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Policy Philosophy. We conducted numerous hearings at the station with many complaints being solved. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court.

Dead animals picked up; twenty-two raccoons, thirty-four deer, seven dogs, fourteen cats, eight bats, one goose, one hawk, ten squirrels, fifteen skunks, ten opossum, three turkeys. Four foxes, one duck, one rabbit, twenty-four birds, one turtle, three woodchucks, and one snake.

We would like to thank the Police Chief, Dispatches, members of the Police and Fire Departments, Town Administrator, the Executive Assistant, Administrator Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Board of Health and the DPW for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, ACO
Elizabeth De Rosa, ACO

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	42
Multiple Family Dwellings	1
Additions-Residential	176
Alterations-Residential	135
New Commercial	3
Additions-Commercial	22
Alterations-Commercial	34
Demolished Buildings	12
Signs	38
Temporary Signs	19
Swimming Pools	32
Roofs	256
Siding	65
Replacement Windows/Doors	63
Temporary Tents	30
Earth Removal	3
Wood Stoves	18
Yard Sales	84
Foundations	57
Certificate of Inspections	43
Certificate of Occupancy	140

TOTALS

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION:		$ 39,776,198.00
Total Building Fees Collected		$ 348,356.00
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections	1655	
Total Number of Wiring Fees Collected		$ 65,634.00
Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued	764	
Total Number of Gas Fees Collected		$ 14,130.00
Total Number of Gas Permits Issued	267	
Total Number of Plumbing Fees Collected		$ 34,765.00
Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	336	
Total Number of Mechanical Fees Collected		$ 370.00
Total Number of Mechanical Permits Issued	5	
Total Fees Collected for the Year 2006		$ 463, 255.00

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kgreiner@easton.ma.us
sheath@easton.ma.us

Office Hours: Monday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 pm.
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Susan Heath, Building Department Secretary
D. Mark Trivett, C.B.O., Inspector of Buildings, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Paul DeBaggis, Local Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Kevin S. Greiner, Electrical Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Margaret (Peg) Horne, Board of Appeals Secretary
John F. Amorim, Assistant Electrical Inspector
Bart Carlson, Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were 42 building permits approved for new single-family homes in 2006 as compared to 47 permits in 2005. However, there was an increase in the number of permits issued for residential additions from 136 in 2005 to 176 in 2006. There were 384 permits for roofing, siding and windows in 2006, up from 227 permits in 2005. The total estimated cost of residential construction in 2006 was $21,125,450.

Commercial construction activity fell slightly in 2006 to $16,462,680 of estimated cost.

Revenues of $114,899 were collected for wiring, plumbing, gas and mechanical permits.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 43 Certificates of Inspection and 140 Certificates of Occupancy.

The Building Department collected fees in the amount of $463,255.00 for calendar year 2006.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

2006 REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

We hereby submit the following report for the Year 2006 for the Easton Planning & Zoning Board. The Board continues to work responsibly with the administration and implementation of the Flexible Development Zoning By Laws adopted at Town Meeting in February 2000. These flexible zoning by-laws include Adult Retirement Developments, Open Space Residential Developments, Residential Compounds, Estate Lots and Common Driveways. These creative land planning and growth management tools have assisted with meeting the following community objectives:

- Encouraging more environmentally sensitive development;
- Preserving larger tracts of open space within or adjacent to new developments;
- Preserving Easton's remaining rural character;
- Minimizing long-term operating costs to the town through the approval of more private ways;
- Reducing the number of driveway cuts on a way thereby minimizing any public safety threat.

Specifically, the Planning and Zoning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority, approved or denied fourteen (14) separate Flexible Development applications. This includes six 6) Residential Compound Special Permit applications, four (4) Estate Lot Special Permit applications and four (4) Common Driveway Special Permit applications.

In 2006, the Board met a total of twenty-two (22) times on Wednesday nights. The Board also had site walks or a special meeting at a proposed development twice during the year. In addition to the Special Permit Applications, the Board addressed Approval Not Required Plans, Preliminary Subdivision Plans, Definitive Subdivision Plans and Site Plan Applications.

Fifteen (15) "Form A" – Approval Not Required Plans were endorsed. These plans represent potential building lots which have adequate frontage on an existing way that did not require approval under the Subdivision Control Law (MGL, Chapter 41). Some of these plans created new lots and others combined existing lots into one.

Four (4) Preliminary Subdivision Plans were approved by the Board. They included, Peterson Acres, Ford Village, Burnham's Way and Chase Landing.

Ten (10) Definitive Subdivision Plans were submitted during 2006. Six (6) of these plans were submitted in conjunction with Special Permit applications for Residential Compounds as noted above. Border Estates, a conventional seven lot subdivision located off of Bay Road was approved by the Board. Guinevere Road Extension, a proposed two lot subdivision, was withdrawn without prejudice. Somerville Woods, a four lot Residential Compound was withdrawn without prejudice. Stonemoor Estates, an application for a proposed eight lot Residential Compound, was still being heard by the Board at the end of the year.

Thirteen (13) Site Plans were approved or reviewed in 2006. They included site plans for Highland Plaza, Hilliard's, Cononco Gas, Stonehill College, 7 Plymouth Drive, Roche Brother's Way, and Hanson Pre-School.

Additional Board and Staff time was spent on the following types of business:

- Public Hearings – Acceptance of Streets
- Public Hearings – Modification of Previously Approved Definitive Subdivisions
- Public Hearings - Modification of Previously Approved Special Permits
- Modifications to Previously Approved Site Plans
- Public Hearings – Amendments to the Zoning Map and Zoning By Law
- Release of Surety for Completion of Roadways and Related Improvements
- Recommendations on cases to be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Commenting on License Renewal applications pending before the Board of Selectmen
- Working with developers to complete Unfinished Roads
- Administration and follow-up related to the implementation of Special Permit Approvals
- Meeting with Potential Development Applicants
- Actively participating in Development Review Committee Meetings
- Monitoring proposed Smart Growth Legislation dealing with Land Use / Zoning Reform
- Advocating and implementing improvements to the Planning Process

In June, Joseph McParland, Alternate Member, chose not to be re-appointed to the Board. We want to thank him for his valuable time and effort. In July, he was replaced by Gregory Strange who has come to provide valuable insight to the Board. In October, the Board welcomed Stephanie Danielson, the new Land Use Agent, who provides support to the planning function.

The Board appreciates the professional abilities, accomplishments and dedication to outstanding public service provided by Planning Director Marc R. Rousseau, AICP. The Board would also like to thank our new Town Administrator, David A. Colton, for his professionalism and support, as well as the various Town Departments, Boards, and Commissions for their cooperation and support.

In closing, any fellow citizen of Easton wishing to discuss an issue of concern may communicate this matter by calling the Planning & Zoning Board Office at 508-230-0630 or by contacting the Planning Director by Email at MROUSSEAU @ EASTON.MA.US. The Board also maintains an Internet presence on the Town of Easton web site.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
Colin W. Gillis, Esq., Clerk
Christine M. Santoro, Esq., Member
Alan Weeks, Member
Walter H. Johnson, Member
Gregory Strange, Alternate Member

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

We, the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 2006.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws and Comprehensive Permits pursuant to Chapter 40B, Mass. General Laws. Fifty-four (54) petitions, comprised of twenty-two (22) Variances; twenty-six (26) Special Permits; three (3) Site Plans; and three (3) Administrative Appeals were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In June, the Board of Selectmen reappointed Stephen J. Pinzari to a second term as a full board member and Frederick W. Clark Jr. as an alternate member.

	Comprehensive Permit	Comprehensive Permit Modification	Variance	Special Permit	Admin Appeal	Site Plan
Petitions Granted	2		15	24	1	3
Petitions Denied		1	4	2		
Petitions Withdrawn/ Dismissed						
Continued to 2007			1		1	
To Be Heard in 2007			2		1	

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0590.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
John Tupper, Vice-Chairman
Thomas Pursley, Clerk
August Gangi
Stephen Pinzari
Christopher Pike, Alternate
Frederick W. Clark Jr., Alternate

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2006.

Dr. Roger M. Kligler was elected to a three-year term at the annual election in April. Mr. Robert J. Kane was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Mr. Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Assistant Health Director Ms. Kristin C. Kennedy, R.S., Food Inspector Ms. Yvonne Naimey, Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent Ms. Jo A. Pilz, Clerk/Burial Agent Ms. Teressa M. Wooding, Animal Inspector Mr. John D. Melin and Animal Inspector Ms. Elizabeth J. DeRosa. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy maintained their education requirements for their state licenses by attending numerous professional education classes throughout the year. Mr. Kane and Dr. Roger Kligler attended an annual certification seminar for Boards of Health. This seminar educated the Board members on public health issues and laws.

The Board of Health met 26 times in public meeting forum this year.

The Board of Health responsibilities are numerous, varied and focused on overall community health. Our responsibilities can be viewed on our website. www.easton.ma for your convenience.

The Board of Health application for the Adult Skin Cancer Prevention Mini Grant was approved by the Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA). The funding for the grant was provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). The grant award consisted of a 12' by 12'sunscreen canopy and educational material on skin cancer prevention. The sunscreen canopy was donated to the Recreation Department for the town's public swimming facility.

Grant money awarded by the Bristol County Community Service Grant Program in 2005 provided adult CPR/defibrillator training this year to 23 town employees. The trained employees are all employed in the public buildings that received a defibrillator. Six of the employees are affiliated with the school kitchens and one employee was a high school coach. Dr. Roger M. Kligler helped to obtain the educator for the training who was Ms. Jean Cohennon from the Good Samaritan Hospital, Brockton, MA.

Additional monies were available from the Bristol County Service Grant Program. The equipment from the original request was obtained at a lower price. Two additional defibrillators were purchased this year. The main library received one defibrillator along with a storage cabinet and the second unit is a traveling defibrillator for the High School athletic department.

The Board of Health participated in a stroke program to aid the survival of stroke victims. The program, a joint effort of local government (Fire, Police, DPW, Public Schools, Board of Health) along with Stonehill College, local hospitals, private businesses such as the Roche Brothers Food Store all contributed their efforts to have the town designated as a HeartSafe Community (September 11, 2006). This award is presented to communities that worked together to make a "chain of survival" for cardiac arrest victims.

The Board of Health adopted "Industrial Wastewater Policy for Businesses Defined under the Standard Industrial Classification Codes" on June 5, 2006. This policy states that all businesses classified as generators of industrial wastewater are prohibited to mix or discharge their industrial wastewater into a Title 5 septic system as defined and regulated in 310 CMR 15.000. The purpose of this policy is to protect ground water from a known business that creates industrial waste. The town is predominantly served by on-site septic systems. The conventional septic system provides no protection in removing industrial waste prior to discharge into the environment.

The Board of Health adopted an addendum to the Easton Board of Health Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Inspection Policy on June 19, 2006. The addendum gives direction to Title 5 inspectors that may fail or replace an individual component(s) of a Title 5 septic system.

The Board of Health adopted "Board of Health Regulation for the Storage and Collection of Household Rubbish and Garbage on July 10, 2006. The regulation would come into effect January 1, 2007. This regulation was needed to create the same level of service for all residential solid waste haulers, to promote recycling in town and provide a competitive atmosphere for the preferred vendor program.

The Board of Health adopted a revision to the "Easton Board of Health On-Site Sewage Disposal Regulation" on October 23, 2006. The main focus for the changes was to remove regulatory text that the State Environmental Code, Title 5, 310 CMR 15.000 had adopted in their April 21, 2006 revised regulation.

The Board of Health condemned one residential dwelling located at 531 Depot Street on January 3, 2006.

In March, a letter was mailed out to the Easton's health care professionals requesting volunteers to help man dispensing sites in town if in an event of a bioterrorist act, pandemic influenza or a natural disaster. Ideally, these sites must be able to function on their own outside assistance for forty-eight (48) hours. All medical support would have to come from inside the community. These volunteers would administer vaccines, drugs, or antibiotics at the sites to Easton residents. The dispensing sites would only be activated in the event of a major crisis. The Board of Health received (99) ninety-nine volunteers. These volunteers are the first individuals to make up Easton's medical reserve unit. This program will be on going.

In 2005, a committee was formed by the Town Administrator to review the town's residential solid waste removal. Mr. Saucier was asked to be part of this group. The committee looked at options using a single vendor. The committee's recommendation was to proceed with a preferred vender curbside solid waste and recycling program. The Board of Health assisted in writing grant applications, technical involvement and regulatory development and adoption. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Prevention awarded the town $30,000 for the purchase of recycling bins upon adoption of a municipally sponsored-curbside recycling program and grants 50 hours of MassDEP personnel time to assist with implementation of a new curbside solid waste and recycling program.

In our continuous effect in community involvement, Mr. Saucier, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Naimey participated in The Southeastern Regional School Shadow Day Program. Two students from the culinary arts program shadowed the department for five days. The students participated in the daily food inspection program of the office. The students were then required to write a paper and a presentation to their class.

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 2006 calendar year are as follows: Total Immunizations, 298 residents; Mantoux testing, 2 residents; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 298 residents including 200 residents for Blood Pressure, 65 residents for Blood Sugar, 20 residents for Total Cholesterol Screening and 11 residents for vaccinations; Communicable Disease, 65 investigations; Maternal Child, 0 contacts; Latent Tuberculosis Infections, 12 follow ups of reported cases. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. We also provided a public health nurse for one hour each month (every fourth Monday), at the Town Offices, for town residents or employees. The nurse is available for Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar screenings and information regarding your health or the health of your loved ones.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 2006, two rabies clinics were held. On April 23, 2006, 49 dogs and 18 cats were vaccinated. On May 7, 2006, 40 dogs and 35 cats were vaccinated. A total of 142 animals were vaccinated by the program. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

The West Nile Virus (WNV) and the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV) are both a public health concern. State wide, for the West Nile Virus, there were 3 human cases, 57 birds, 0 horses and 43 mosquito pools that had tested positive for the virus. At the local level 29 birds were reported, 5 birds were submitted to the state lab and 2 birds tested positive. For the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus, state wide, there were 157 mosquito pools, 5 human cases, and 6 horses that were confirmed as positive cases. At the local level there were 7 mosquito pools that tested positive for the virus and 1 horse fatality. Both viruses are passed on from the bird population to the mosquito. The virus is then passed on to the mosquito's next host(s), human or animal, when the female mosquito draws blood for her eggs to develop inside her. As a preventative measure to control the viruses, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project offers an adult mosquito spraying program each spring which continues throughout the summer months. The spraying is done on request by either local residents or city/town officials. The telephone number for Bristol County Mosquito Control is 508-823-5253.

In August, the governor declared a public health emergency for the State of Massachusetts. Large-scale aerial sprayings were performed to fight the spread of mosquitoes carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis throughout the Plymouth and Bristol county region. The last time the state performed aerial spraying was in 1990 after three human cases were diagnosed.

There were 777 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Body Art Establishment, 0; Body Art Practitioner, 0; Camps/Motels/Trailer Parks, 11; Caterers, 3; Death Certificates, 82; Dumpsters, 191; Dumpster Service, 36; Food Establishments, 149; Funeral Directors, 3; Disposal System Construction Permits, 188; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 79; Massage Licenses, 30; Mobile Food, 3; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities, 0; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools, 13; Tanning Facilities, 5; Tobacco Sales Permits, 29; and Transport Offal, 37.

The office logged 5 valid complaints from the general public. If you have any questions, concerns, need advice or information, you may reach our office at 508-230-0620.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Kane, Chairman
Gil A. Heino
Dr. Roger M. Kligler

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

2006 REPORT OF
THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

We are the officers in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Division of Biosecurity and Regulatory Services, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, The Environmental Police and the local Board of Health. We may be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-0620. We work closely with the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Animal Rescue League. We receive advice and work with the practicing veterinarians and have knowledge and experience in handling common urban wildlife.

We educate the public on issues of animal diseases, investigate all animal bites and issue quarantine and confinement notices. We check on the handling and care of domestic livestock and other domestic animals we have as pets according to State laws.

The West Nile Virus is still in our area. We picked up twenty-nine birds this year; five were submitted to the State Lab three tested negative and two positive. The Department of Public Health has to be call before submitted the bird to be tested, they have strict guidelines such as kind of bird, not dead more than twenty-four hours and must be free of maggots, flies or ants.

We had eighteen animal bites. Thirteen dogs and five cats which were placed under a ten day quarantine period. Eight cats were placed under a confinement notice which can be from forty-five days to a six month confinement which depends if the animal has a valid rabies vaccine. One cat, a fox, a skunk, a dog and two raccoons were sent to the State Virology for testing. They all tested negative for rabies.

Animal census: forty-two horses, seven goats, twenty-four sheep, fourteen beef cattle and 65 chickens.

We received many calls from residents concerning wildlife in or around their yards. In eighty-two cases advice was given. Fifty-four of the cases resulted in the animal being release on site or being destroyed.

Sightings of wildlife in backyards have increased immensely, mostly deer, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, fishers and turkeys. We must remember they are survivors in the wild, so make sure that in your yard there is not a food source easy accessible for them.

We would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade Saucier, Administrative Assistant JoAnne Pilz and Secretary Teressa Wooding, Also thanks to the Town Administrator and her office help, Board of Selectman, Town Clerk and her office help, the Police, Fire and Department of Public Works.
Your help and support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Animal Inspector
Elizabeth DeRosa, Animal Inspector

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission administers, within the Town of Easton, the State Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 et seq and the Wetlands Protection By-Law, Chapter 227, Code of the Town of Easton with the regulations promulgated thereunder, 310CMR 10.55 et seq. under the Act and Chapter 503 of the Town Code as to the By-Law.

Additionally, the Commission is given primary responsibility for Open Space Planning and Preservation. The Commission has custody and control, for the Town, of the several thousand acres of open space land held for conservation purposes, and they are as follows:

Dodd Gift, Flyaway Pond , Picker Field, Ames Long Pond, Tufts Farm, Stonehedge, Oliver Ames Parker Reservation, Town Forest, Clifford G. Grant Reservation, Friends Community, Krikis Gift, Carl Kane Gift, Fox Mountain, Old Pond, New Pond, Bay Road/Summer Street/off Lewis Road, Richard Southworth Jr. Gift, Metacomet, Settlers Pond, Donald MacKinnon Gift, Wallace Gilmore, Wheaton Farm, Eastman Street to Chestnut Street, Selee Pond off Possum Road, Willis G. Buck property off Poquanticut Avenue, Monte Pond, Douglas A. King Gift off Clara Howard Road, Patrick Kelly and Granite Industrial Corp off Depot Street and Prospect Street, Jeffrey Coffman./Alan and Suzanne Zaff gift off Rockmeadow Estates, Robert Gilmore Gift off Oldfield Drive, Douglas A King Gift off Rockland Street and Bay Road, Charles Mirrione Gift off Christian Drive, Harlow Street Gift, Douglas A King Gift off Bay Road, Endriunas brothers/Douglas A King Gift off Norton Avenue, Charles Mirrione gift off Bradford Street, Richard Donahue. Joseph Urciuoli Gift off Hickory Lane, Charles Mirrione Gift off Penney Lane and the Oliver Ames gift of Langwater Pond off Main Street.

Another key area of Commission jurisdiction is enforcement. Violations of the Act and/or By-Law are investigated and where needed, appropriate proceedings follow.

In 2006 the Commission had 5 enforcement actions.

Enforcement action occurs when; either through observation by the Commission, its staff, or by citizen complaint, activity is seen on land in violation of The Act or the Bylaw. Many of these situations occur due to a lack of awareness of legal responsibility by individuals. We try to work with these people and, through education, try to avoid violations in the future. Where necessary, however, the Commission has many resources available to remedy violations – civil actions, criminal complaints, injunctive relief, and the imposition of fines, including the Non-Criminal Disposition procedures authorized by Town By-Laws. In general, with the cooperation of all parties, these matters are resolved relatively easily.

The Commission and its staff are integral to the Town's Land Use and Permitting Department. During the year 2006, the Commission held 135 public hearings, including 83 continued public hearings, with regard to the permitting process wherein applicants come before the Commission seeking approval for work proposed in areas under the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission has issued 45 Order of Conditions and Permits for Work, 5 Order of Resource Area Delineations, 34 Determinations of Applicability and has issued 28 Certificate of Compliances. Also, the staff has provided engineering reviews and comments to the following Boards, Commissions and Departments:

Building Inspector- 181
Zoning Board of Appeals – 53
The Department of Public Works- 18
Planning and Zoning Board – 88
Board of Health – 9
Town Administrator -10

There were five land acquisitions during 2006, totaling 23.4 Acres: two land locked parcels off of Howard Street (.98 acres); one at 68 Beaver Dam Road (.76 acres); one at 6 Excalibur Lane (.96 acres) and one at 762R Foundry Street (20.7 acres)

During the year 2006, the Commission Completed its update of the By-Law Regulations and the finalized new regulations relative to the Riverfront Areas that will protect the eight major brooks within the Town along with their 200-foot Riverfront Area, and they are as follows: Dorchester Brook, Whitman's Brook Queset Brook, Black Brook, Beaver Brook, Poquanticut Brook, Mulberry Brook and Gowards Brook. Also, efforts to streamline regulations to make land permitting easier for all continue.

There are at present two appeals of By-Law decisions pending before the Superior Court, which should be resolved in the coming year.

The Commission's Secretary of twenty-seven years, Janice Fowler announced plans to retire in August 2006. This is a major loss to the Commission; Jan has been a dedicated, dependable, trustworthy and loyal employee of the Town. Jan's reputation as a public servant is one which others should emulate, and will be sorely missed by the Commission, residents and her fellow employees, and we wish her good health and fun traveling the world with he husband Jim during her retirement.

A dinner was held in her honor where the appropriate awards from the Commission, Board of Appeals and kudos were handed out. Jan was also recognized by the Board of Selectmen at one of their meetings as one of most dedicated, dependable and reliable employees of the town.

Her collective institutional memory still serves the town by her accepting the daunting task of auditing the commission's complete records for reorganization and legally required purging. The asset of her over twenty years of working with these files is priceless. No outside worker would be able to approach this task with the accuracy and efficiency Mrs. Fowler will bring.

This, along with Attorney Sites' continued service to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners, demonstrates the dedication brought to this commission by its members, both past and present.

In August, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Dam Safety has mandated that a Phase I Dam inspection be conducted on the following dams: Langwater (DRC listed as Longwater) Pond Dam off Main Street, Ames Long Pond Dam off Canton Street, New and Old Pond Dams (formerly Cabot Pond Dam) off Foundry Street. The Conservation Commission has obtained the services of E.T. Engineering and work is on going to meet Office of Dam Safety deadline.

In the month of October, the Land Use and Permitting Department will see major changes, both in the staff and office space. The Planning and Zoning Board Secretary, Carol Mandeville will become the Secretary to both the Conservation Commission and Planning Board, and the New Land Use Agent, Stephanie Danielson has been hired to take over the majority of outside inspections of the Conservation Director. These changes will require extensive cross-training of the staff, cooperation of both the Planning and Conservation Directors to make the Department function at a peak level.

Barry R. DunKley has been re-appointed Chairman along with Patricia Haederle as Vice Chairman. Jonathon Chase continues as our Associate Member. His assistance to the Commission is greatly appreciated.

The Commission continues to be a resource for advice and information to other Commissions throughout the state. Our By-Law and the Regulations are frequently requested by other Commissions in Massachusetts as they create similar laws in their communities. Though retired from the Commission, Michael G. Sites continued his work with MACC and will become its President in March of 2007.

In 2006, the staff attended the following workshops, Advanced Wetland Delineation, Stormwater Management for Highways, River Crossing Regulations and Guidelines, and Floodplain Management Regulations

The Commission's website is: www.conservationcommission.org is managed by the Vice Chairman, Patricia Haederle. There you will find useful information about the Commission, its schedule and upcoming agendi. There are links to other resources helpful for research and information in the environmental field.

The Commission may be reached via email, feedback on our website, by phone at (508) 230-0640 or by fax at (508) 230-0639. Commission meetings are generally held on alternate Monday evenings, and our meeting schedule is posted on the website. All meetings are open to the public, except for Executive Sessions, and town residents are always most welcome.

The Commission would like to thank for their exemplary service our efficient staff of Robert G. Dunn, Janice Fowler, Carol Mandeville and Stephanie Danielson. The staff is invaluable to the functions of the Commission. We constantly are told, as well as receive calls and letters, from the public about the staff's courteous and professional manner during their diligent discharge of their responsibilities.

Further, we express our gratitude to M. Yvonne Gonzalez, Esq., and Judy Pickett and their colleagues at Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel, as well as to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and all appointed and elected Boards and Commissions of the Town. We are grateful to the citizens of the Town of Easton, for their cooperation and their support as we perform the duties entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission continues in its efforts to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's historic and archeological resources. The Commission works cooperatively with the Town's other commissions, boards and committees to monitor and help control any effects that development and change can bring to Easton's unique historic character. We are available as a resource to any citizen for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes and archeological sites in the town of Easton.

During the past year, several members of the Committee were active in other town roles and community organizations. Member Edmund Hands serves on the Community Preservation Act Committee, the Board of the Natural Resources Trust and on the board of the Historical Society. Associate Member Cathy Adler chaired Easton's No Place for Hate campaign. Dr. Greg Galer is a member of the Town/Gown Committee between Stonehill College and the Town of Easton. John Ventresco is a director of the Friends of Borderland. Melanie Deware is the clerk of the Cemetery Commission. Associate member Larry Mowatt served on the Library Building Committee and spearheaded the NRT barn raising project. Associate member Frank Mennino serves as curator of the Historical Society. Most Commission members are also members of the Easton Historical Society and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton.

The Commission's activities this past year have included:

- The active support of the Unity Church restoration project.
- Consulting with the owner of the North Easton Grammar School and Lincoln Street Intermediate School as their final restorations were completed.
- Consulting with the owner of the old Methodist church currently under restoration on Mechanic Street.
- Successfully nominating Borderland State Park to Preservation Massachusetts' list of top 10 most endangered public properties.
- Consulting with the Ames Free Library and Selectmen on restoration planning.
- Monitoring the disposition of Harmony Hall and the Dean Mill properties.
- Working with property owners throughout the year on various restorations, additions and preservation project.

In addition, Cathy Adler and Ed Hands have been compiling a Historic Preservation Plan for the Town. This process entailed developing and distributing surveys and collecting data from officials and citizens, as well as sifting through mountains of archives to ascertain what areas are of critical concern for the preservation of the town's unique, historic character. Commission members, rather than a consulting firm, are undertaking this ambitious plan which will be ready for public review in 2007.

The Commission presented awards again this year at its annual ceremony on December 10th at the Unity Church. Arnold Tofias was presented with the W.L.Chaffin Award for his many years of outstanding stewardship of the Ames Shovel Shop complex and Ames Company Archives which were donated to the Museum of Industrial History at Stonehill College. The Lombardi family was awarded the Clement C.Briggs Award for their painstaking and loving restoration and maintenance of the Rankin Farm, now their house, on Purchase Street. The purpose of these awards is to offer recognition to those who have expended effort in preservation and restoration of our town's many treasures, whether great or small. A good turnout of people attended the awards, and participated in the annual "Beauty of Easton" photography contest. Many thanks to the Bank of Easton for its continued support, and the Unity Church for its hosting of this popular event.

The Boston Post Cane remains with Easton's most senior resident, Frances Kramer. Thanks to North Easton Savings Bank for its generous sponsorship of this program.

The Commission welcomes comments and questions and is eager to assist any citizen with issues related to the historical aspect of the Town. Whether we can help with a restoration/renovation issue, homestead research, or understanding by-laws, please contact us via the Town Offices at 136 Elm Street, North Easton, through our link on the town website: www.easton.ma.us ,or by calling the Chairman at 508.238.0373.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie J.L. Deware, Chairman
John J. Ventresco, Vice Chairman
Michael J. Russell, Secretary
Mary Fitzgerald
Dr. Gregory J. Galer
Edmund Hands
Larry Mowatt, Associate Member
Catherine Adler, Associate Member
Frank Mennino, Associate Member

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The Housing Partnership Committee (HPC) is charged with the following responsibilities:

1) Assist in the development and/or updating of the Town's Affordable Housing Plan.
2) Explore opportunities to expand affordable housing in accordance with Easton's Affordable Housing Plan
3) Work with the Community Preservation Act Committee to develop ideas eligible for CPA funding, and recommend same to the Board of Selectmen.
4) Participate in the review of all comprehensive permit applications.
5) Develop proposed application materials for comprehensive permits for use by the HPC, Board of Appeals and Board of Selectmen.
6) Submit annual report for inclusion in the Town Report.

During 2006 the HPC worked on Comprehensive Permit Review Guidelines for the Town. When completed, the draft Guidelines will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval and adoption. The Guidelines are intended to communicate the Town of Easton's preferences for housing developed under Chapter 40B. The draft incorporates input from the other Town land use boards and committees which was solicited by the HPC. Once the Comprehensive Permit Review Guidelines have been approved and implemented, the HPC will become the initial point of contact for all new affordable housing developments, including comprehensive permit applications. Although the Committee has no approval or denial authority, it provides recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Selectmen.

In its initial review capacity, the Committee this year heard presentations from three groups interested in developing housing under Chapter 40B. Two of these proposals, Saw Mill Pond Condominiums at 584 Foundry Street and Creative Homes' proposal for 23 Union Street, received favorable recommendations from the Committee. The Saw Mill Pond project will include 44 units, of which 11 will meet guidelines for affordable housing under Chapter 40B. The Creative Homes project will include a maximum of 45 duplex and triplex homes with 11 affordable units. The third proposal for 22 single-family homes at 360 Purchase Street was withdrawn.

As noted above, the Committee is charged with exploring opportunities to expand affordable housing in accordance with Easton's Affordable Housing Production Plan. In this capacity, the Committee has been reviewing other ideas for creating affordable housing that may or may not meet the requirements of Chapter 40B. Easton's Affordable Housing Production Plan noted that the housing needs of several key groups are not currently being met. For example, the plan found that:

- Easton is Bristol County's wealthiest community, but housing is unaffordable to many of our own residents;
- Easton's businesses currently employ approximately 9,000 people but few of them live in Easton;
- Other housing needs identified include:
  - People with disabilities (11% of Easton's working age population)
  - Smaller units for elders
  - Moderately priced units for young workers.

As one possible effort to address these needs, the Committee reviewed a draft of a proposed new Zoning By-Law which would allow for Cottage Community Development. This type of development has been successfully implemented in other parts of the country, in particular the Pacific Northwest, and could provide an additional method for development of more affordable housing in the Town of Easton. After reviewing examples of this type of development, the Committee agreed that this should be an allowable option for housing developers in Easton. The Committee sent a letter of recommendation to the Board of Selectmen who have forwarded the proposed By-Law draft to the Planning Board for further consideration. Ultimately, State approval and a Town Meeting vote would be required before such a By-Law could be adopted. The Committee will continue to monitor the progress of this By-Law in the coming year.

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

The Human Resources Board was established by Town Meeting vote on January 12, 2004. The 5-member committee was appointed by the Town Moderator and currently consists of the following members:

Carolyn Carpentier	Chair
Donald Shanbar	Vice Chair
Stephen Delamere	Secretary
Anne-Marie Ofori-Acquaah	Member
Brain Hoffman	Member

The Human Resources Board (HRB) was established for purposes of assisting the Town in matters relating to the Town's human resources/personnel, in particular as it relates to the compensation plans for those employees. During this past year, the HRB completed work with a consultant, Mark Morse from MMA Consulting Group, Inc., on a wage and classification study for the non-union employees, as authorized by the January 12, 2004 Town Meeting. Based on that study, the HRB developed proposals to the Board of Selectmen of adjustments to non-union employees' wages and salary structure. Some of those changes have been implemented and others are in the process of being finalized for the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The HRB also worked with Mark Morse to complete a wage and classification study for the DPW and Clerical employees, as required by their contracts. That study is now complete and the Town Administrator is utilizing the results of that study in negotiations with those unions.

The HRB assisted the Board of Selectmen in the hiring process of the Town Administrator, providing assistance with resume screening, interview training, and other recruitment related support.

The HRB looks forward to continuing to work with Town management and officials to support the human resources efforts of the Town of Easton. Any questions regarding the HRB or its activities may be addressed to Carolyn Carpentier, Chair, at (508) 238-7978.

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to present its' annual report for the year 2006. The Authority's 184 state-aided elderly/disabled, 10 state-aided family and 101 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The Easton Housing Authority maintains open waiting lists for all of our programs and grant preference to Easton residents and applicants who work in Easton. Currently the income limits for the elderly/disabled and family housing units are as follows:

One Person	$40,250.00
Two People	$46,000.00
Three People	$51,570.00
Four People	$57,500.00
Five People	$62,100.00
Six People	$66,700.00
Seven People	$71,300.00
Eight or more	$75,900.00

Senior citizens over the age of 60 and who fall within the published income guidelines are eligible to apply for housing at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle. Additionally applicants with a disability who are unable to locate alternative suitable housing may be eligible. Anyone interested in applying for either state-aided public housing programs are encouraged to contact our office for an application and information.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program waiting list remains closed. Although this waiting list was recently updated, more than 700 applicants remain on this list awaiting rental assistance.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs, including arts and crafts, dancing and exercise, etc.

Anyone interested in applying to the Authority, or wishing to hear more about our programs can contact our office:

By Phone	508-238-4747
By FAX	508-230-9694
By Email	eastonha@aol.com
By Mail	Parker Terrace North Easton, MA 02356

The Authority continues to extend its gratitude to the residents, staff and residents of Easton for its continued support. It is this support that enables the Authority to operate successfully and provide its residents with safe, sanitary and decent housing operating solely on revenues received from tenant rents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Conant, Chairman
Dennis Sheedy, Vice-Chairman
Michael Malloy, Treasurer
June Brousseau, Assistant Treasurer

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE

The Permanent Landfill Committee is pleased to report that there have been no major issues at the site. Some minor repairs have been completed, such as, clamps, valves, couplings and hardware, that are normal wear issues, at a minimal cost.

C.D.M. will continue monitoring the landfill to fulfill the mandatory 30 year requirement set by the state. Monitoring consists of gas samplings from 16 locations throughout the landfill. Groundwater and surface water monitoring are also performed for detection of contamination outside the footprint of the landfill. C.D.M. is also responsible for the inspection, regulating the gas flow to the flare, and maintenance of the Gas Collection and Flare System.

It's with regrets and special thanks to Richard Harb who has resigned from the committee. He was an invaluable member to the committee and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Heino, Chairman
Jay Conceison
Todd Heino
David Brown
Pat Goodman
Wayne Southworth, Ex-Officio

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

Mission: The Easton Recreation Department provides diverse and equitable programs that reach out to the Recreational needs of the community of Easton.

Commission: In the past year, the Easton Recreation department budget has been restored from $15,000 to $92,000 for fiscal year 2006-07. Previously Easton Recreation experienced a considerable amount of adversity, relative to budget cuts. Despite this adversity, the Recreation Commission remains strong and dedicated to fulfill the needs of the community. This has been helped in large part by the dedication of the community, which has been sensitive to the Recreation Department's budget cuts during the past several years and has been most generous with supporting the department. Thus with a restored budget, we are optimistic about achieving our goals as outlined below.

Easton businesses continue to be most charitable to the Recreation Department in times of need. The sub-committee of Recreation called "Support the Recreation Department" consisting of over 20 mothers, has raised enough funds to continue to open the Town Pool for the next two years without any dependency on our budget. Community support such as this makes Easton an attractive and desirable place to live. The support that we have received makes the future of the department look bright and it is towards the future that we are looking. Due to lack of athletic playing fields in our town, the Recreation commission has taken on a commitment to increase the inventory of these fields within the community. We will continue to work with the CPA commission to acquire or enhance existing property to fulfill our open space needs. CPA has been extremely supportive of Recreation and has been very amenable to work with.

Below are the Recreation Department Commission members:
Anne Daley – Program Director
Mike McDonald – Chairman
Tana Babbitt
Lisa Galas
Cathy Habig
Charles Hammond
Dave Lang
Elizabeth Nikiciuk

The dedication and commitment of our commission has contributed greatly to the success that the department has experienced. A large portion of credit is also owed to Anne Daley whose leadership and dedication has helped us to be successful in spite of our difficulties.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their commitment to our department. We would also like to thank the CPA committee and our new town administrator, David Colton, for supporting our department in every way that they can during the many changes this past year.

Programs: The programs that the Easton Recreation Department offers are:

After School Programs:
Homework Club, Running Club, Field Hockey, Lacrosse and Chess.

General Recreation Programs:
The Summer Program, Town Pool & Swimming Lessons, Tee Ball for youngsters, Summer Slam Basketball, Men's Basketball, Co-ed Volleyball, Wrestling, Running, Tennis, Archery, Lacrosse, Multi-Sports Program, Kids Races in the Summer, Summer Concerts and Girls Volleyball

Donations and contributions: The HUGS program has been extremely instrumental in supporting the Recreation Department over the past several years. Officer Denise Papagno, the chair of the local HUGS organization, presented a donation of over $10,000 to the Easton Recreation Department. These funds have directly supported our After School Homework Club. This program keeps vulnerable adolescents busy and productive after the school day ends and offers educational services to students. Other donations have come from Mr. Douglas King, Premier Properties, various town businesses, school PACS, and the many residents of Easton.

Financial: Our current budget has been restored to Fiscal year 2005 levels. All of the programs listed above are self-funded, and have been successful enough to bring in some small profits.
As a department we continuously review our monthly P&L statement to ensure we are accountable to the citizens of Easton. Additional finances are strongly desired to expand and grow programs as well as to provide additional resources to operate programs and projects.

2006- 2007 Goals and Objectives:

1. To hire a Recreation Director by 4/1/2007
2. To work with other Recreational Organizations within the Town of Easton to coordinate Field and Gym Space for Recreational activities.
3. Continue to expand and grow Recreation programs that are self-funding and bring in a profit to offset operational costs of the department.
4. Continue to form sub-committees of the Recreation department to fulfill the needs of the community.
5. Continue to acquire open space for recreational purposes and seek funding outside the town budget by working closely with CPA and other organizations.
6. Take a lead on larger projects that reap great value to the community.
7. To work closely with the Council on Aging to support recreational programs for the elderly.

Best Regards,

Michael J. McDonald
Recreation Chairman

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP, INC.

During the program year ending September 30, 2006 Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $21M and provided direct services to 23,977 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF EASTON Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling $337,641 to 527 households during program year 2006.

Self Help's total funding of $21,006,167 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $1,370,659 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was $22,346,826.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of Easton and its representatives to our board, Ms. Doreen Lindsay and Mr. David Precopio, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2006 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Executive Assistant/Human Resource Manager

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 2006 the Town of Easton's Veterans' Services Department assisted over 200 veterans and/or their dependents.

Thirty-eight veterans and/or their dependents received $154,671 in financial assistance for household and medical expenses under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during 2006 were paid from local appropriation. The State will reimburse the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued. In addition to this Benefits Program, Chapter 115 also provided an Annual Annuity of $2,000 to 25 disabled veterans or their dependents paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. Certain 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star spouses are eligible for this annuity program. Applications are available at this Veterans' Services Department.

The Veterans Administration estimates that veterans from the Town of Easton received over $ 2,000,000 in federal benefits last year. Fifteen compensation claims filed by this office for Easton veterans were adjudicated last year by the Veterans Administration and those veterans received a total of $ 200,204 in federal benefits.

The Director of Veterans' Services made fifty-four trips to the VA hospitals in West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain to insure that veterans in need of transportation were able to get the medical care they need and have earned as a result of their service to this country.

This office was involved with other town employees and citizens in continuing Operation Mail Call. The purpose of this organization is to help insure that Easton citizens serving in the Armed Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq know how grateful we are for their service.

Other services provided to the veterans of Easton include help in obtaining separation papers, service medals, property tax exemptions, and fuel assistance.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Administrator, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2547, and the residents and businesses of Easton for their continued support of our veterans.

Semper Fi

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Nolan
Director of Veterans' Services

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2006, the Council on Aging reached out to the 3,763 elderly residents of Easton through our monthly newsletter that was distributed to many different business locations around town and was mailed, or e-mailed to individuals upon request. Each month, newsletter articles were reprinted in both The Enterprise and the Easton Journal. In addition to mailing the newsletter, the Council provided approximately 23,140 units of service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach to 1,462 elderly residents.

We provided 5,977 rides for 135 elderly and disabled residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers and to the community buildings at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle for Council on Aging programs on our lift-equipped shuttle vans. We also connected with the Brockton Area Transit Dial-a-Bat service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments. With the restoration of transportation funds to our municipal budget on July 1st, we were able to restore shuttle service to 5 days per week and add additional destinations to the weekly schedule.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided foot care and a hearing instrument consultant from Mass. Audiology conducted hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repair at monthly clinics. We were able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program and our weekly Tai-Chi class with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs. Seniors participated in recreational programs including bridge, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, and quilting. Many traveled with us on motorcoach day trips that we resumed in August. We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly including meals on wheels delivery to our homebound elders and help for our seniors with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions.

We are thankful to the many groups and individuals who enriched the lives of our elderly residents through their generous gifts of time and support. The Recreation Commission provided a Summer Barbecue for our elderly residents including entertainment by the Double Eagle Oktoberfest Band and sponsored a Holiday Light Tour to the Lasalette Shrine in Attleboro. The Easton Lions Club held their annual Eye Mobile health screening and cookout for our elderly residents in September. Students, family and volunteers from Personal Best Karate continued their Turkey Brigade and delivered hot Thanksgiving Dinners on Thanksgiving Day to a number of our elderly residents. Children in the K.I.D.S. (**K**indness to **I**ndividuals **D**eserving **S**upport) program at the F.L.Olmsted and H.H.Richardson Schools provided wonderful gift boxes for our elderly who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December. The Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for over 200 of our elderly residents. We thank the representatives from the Bristol County Sheriff's Dept, the Easton Police Dept and senior participants of TRIAD who provided a number of programs throughout the year that promoted the safety and well being of our elderly residents, including the Yellow Alert program.

We welcomed our new Outreach Coordinator, Marilyn Lauricella, who made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies including Old Colony Elderly Services, volunteer groups, and private homemakers. She also reinstated the home delivery of library materials to homebound elders. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants. Seniors, who participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program, provided valuable help to the town and received a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We would like to thank the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Council on Aging programs, although we look forward to the day when Easton has a senior center for its elderly residents. During this past year, the Easton Senior Center, Inc board of directors explored several options, but was unable to secure a location for a senior center and will continue their efforts in the coming year.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs and look forward to working with town officials, Easton Senior Center, Inc., and the community in building a senior center that will meet the needs of our elderly residents.

Respectfully submitted:
Francis Spillane, Chairman
Nicolina Previti, Vice-chairman
Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary
David Cudmore
Rose Friedeborn
Marie Healey
Carl Palm
Dolores Kent, Director

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission can be reach by calling the Town Clerk 508-230-0531.

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for ensuring that our town owned cemeteries are maintained for our future generations. We try with the limited funds that we receive to clean, straighten ,reset or replace monuments where needed. We work with the Town Clerk in following up on the veterans buried in our Easton cemeteries.

We would like to thank the DPW crew for the excellent job of mowing and cleaning up the town owned cemeteries.

We had a motor vehicle accident at the Nehemiah Cemetery on Turnpike Street which resulted in replacing the gateway, marker and monuments that were damage.

We had a monument place for the Captain Elisha Harvey Cemetery.

We encourage our residents to take some time and make a visit to our historic cemeteries. Give us a call if you would like to know the location of these sites.

We would like to express our appreciation to our Town Officials, all Town Departments and the citizens of Easton for their support in helping us to maintain the care of our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin ,Chairman
John Howard
Melanie Deware

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2006.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Halifax and Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2006 Area Plan; the OCPC 2006 DataBook; the Old Colony 2006 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); BAT - FY 2006 Ridership Analysis; BAT - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP); BAT - Title VI Plan; numerous Intersection/Technical Studies, and the FFY 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This past year, the Council conducted traffic counts at approximately 225 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued work on updating the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; OCPC Policy Plan; East Bridgewater Economic Target Area (ETA) designation; Route 3A Corridor Study in Kingston and Plymouth; Easton Circulation Study; and participation on the MBTA Taskforce in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Growth Impact Study. OCPC is also working with the Regional Wastewater Committee including the towns of Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater and the City of Brockton on developing a scope for a feasibility study looking at potential regional solutions to wastewater management. The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 100,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,000 hours of legal services; and approximately 500,000 meals to the seniors.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2006, the Council elected Robert Overholtzer of Hanson as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Treasurer; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Mary Willis for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Stephen Donahue, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006
REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for federal fiscal year 2006.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:
The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input form the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 2006, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to various service provider agencies for the following types of program and services:

*Mental Health Services
*Personal Care & Respite
*Transportation
*Services for Disabled Elders
*Legal Services
*Emergency Intervention Service
*Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
*Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
*Family Caregiver Support

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs in the region, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee funding awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of the Delegates and Alternates and their respective communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also wishes to extend sincere thanks to Committee Chairwoman Mary Willis of Pembroke and Vice-Chairwoman Jean-Marie Smith of Hanson for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Del Kent, COA Director, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

2006 was a busy and productive year for the Municipal Building Committee. Attorney Robert E. Langway, Jr. continued in his role as chairman as did Ralph Vatalaro as Vice Chairman. The committee maintained a regular meeting schedule on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings were held at 5:30 p.m. in the OAHS Guidance Office. The Committee is grateful for and has benefited greatly from the services of a permanent secretary, Karen Gilbride-Raynard. Throughout the year, the Committee devoted most of its time to the ongoing construction/renovation projects at the OAHS and EJHS. The year saw the substantial completion of Phase II of the High School Project with the new gymnasium, cafeteria, music wing and atrium entrance being completed and the auditorium and library soon to follow. The unanticipated default of the general contractor, negotiations for a takeover by the general contractor's bonding company and hiring by the bonding company of a successor general contractor were managed by the Committee and its consultants so as to result in no stoppage of work or delay in the schedule.

2006 brought major change to the Easton Junior High School with the new classroom wing and cafeteria addition completed and occupied. The administrative offices and guidance suite, library and auditorium will soon follow. Both projects will enter their final phases in late winter/early spring.

Throughout the year, in connection with these major construction projects, the Committee met and conferred with scores of town officials, various boards and committees and individual citizens. Frequent communication with the newly formed Massachusetts School Building Assistance Bureau has favored the construction projects and benefited the town.

In 2006, the Committee screened, interviewed and contracted for a maintenance needs study to develop and integrate a maintenance plan for the HHR/FLO schools. Dinisco Design Partnership and its team of engineers and building scientists studied the 10 year old elementary schools and concluded that the exterior envelope, including the slate roof, the interior spaces, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems were well designed, constructed and especially well-maintained, with no urgent maintenance or replacement needs Dinisco recommended an action agenda matrix for annual maintenance and long-term capital planning.

During 2006, the Committee continued to work closely with the School Superintendent and DPW Director on an ongoing basis to develop capital improvement and maintenance plans for all town buildings.

In 2007, the Committee will continue to fulfill its mission to oversee the school construction projects and will strive to ensure that the projects are run smoothly, safely, on time and within budget. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the OAHS Guidance office and agendas will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Langway, Jr., Chairman
Marc Brockman
Ken Carlson
Wally Fulcher
Henry Narsasian
Jane Pike-Benton
Ralph Vatalaro, Vice Chairman

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY

Circulation Statistics		Main	Branch
	2006	63,075	40,035
	2005	58,063	35,534
Web Site Hits	2006	1,024,954	

Circulation and usage continue to grow each month.

After many years of effort and commitment by library staff and Board members, the library addition project was defeated. Legal issues, town, administration and governance provided doubt about the desire of the town to finally authorize required funding. Then, the Special Town Meeting took away previously authorized funding. The state construction grant, part of which had already been spent, had to be returned.

The library will do a renovation on the existing buildings using it's own funds that had been saved for the earlier construction. Delayed major maintenance was immediately addressed.

The Library Board of Directors experienced many changes this year. Kevin Paicos and Gloria Stafford were not reappointed by the Selectmen. The Town should be grateful for their many years of dedication and commitment to the library. Welcomed to the Board were Marcia Connors and Steve Merlin as new public members. Also, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of James Thomas as a Corporate Director. Kevin Paicos was appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Thomas' position.

There were changes at the end of December on the Building and Endowment Committee. After fifty years on this committee, Elizabeth Ames retired. Karen Hays was appointed to replace her. Edwin C. White retired after twenty-three years and was replaced by James Fowler.

The library enjoys a committed staff who are knowledgeable and helpful. This year saw a 72% increase in borrowers coming to this library from other towns.

Students from all the Town schools, and Stonehill College, use the library. Limited resources at the public schools are stretched to the maximum, particularly during renovations. Stonehill students and Massassoit students use this library's collections on children's literature.

Computer tutoring continues to be requested by residents, particularly by seniors. They like to be able to return in case they have forgotten how to do a task.

Book Clubs take place at both locations. At the Main Library a meeting takes place on Monday evenings and at the Branch on Wednesday afternoons. Eight to twelve persons can participate in each session.

Lack of program space has not kept children away from programs. Every month there is a program for either very young or middle school children. Summer Reading program sees a program every other week. These events are made possible by the Stonehill College Enrichment Fund, which is greatly appreciated.

Regular story hours take place twice a week during the October to May months. There is a story hour at each location. Craft sessions follow the story hours.

Despite cramped facilities the staff provides information services to all who come in person or via telephone or the Internet. The library subscribes to over forty on-line databases as well as e-books. The information contained in these items is available to residents with a library card at no charge. Without a library card, these databases can be accessed on-line for a fee.

The library continues to publish its' newsletter, All The News four times a year. It is sent to 9,000 households in Easton. In addition, an on-line newsletter is sent to 2,500 e-mail subscribers more frequently. Every week a cable television program, "Booklovers of Easton" is broadcast to Easton, Stoughton, Norton, and Mansfield. The WEB site continues to experience heavy use.

Work done by the Board of Directors and staff is commendable. Much time has been devoted to the Ames Free Library by these two groups and should be appreciated by the community for the excellent services provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalee Bundy

Executive Director

Members of the Board of Directors:
Donna Richman, President
Gerard Marsan, Vice President
Hazel Varella, Secretary
William M. Ames
Kathleen Boyle
Marcia Connors (July – December)
Alice McCarthy
Stephen Merlin (July – December)
Kevin Paicos (January – June)
Gloria Stafford (January – June)
Joseph Murphy, Ex Officio, Treasurer
Edwin C. White, Building & Endowment Director
Elizabeth M. Ames, Building & Endowment Director

2006 REPORT OF
THE AMES TRUST FUND

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2006, including estimates of the income to be distributed to the Town during 2007. Fortunately, the amount distributed to the Town by all three funds during 2006 was more than the amounts distributed in 2005 and with the exception of Highways Permanent Fund, also in excess of the amounts estimated to be available for 2006. Once again dividend income from common stocks in the portfolios has held up quite well since corporate earnings have been good over the past year. More than one-half of the income generated by these funds comes from fixed income securities, primarily corporate bonds. The Trustees have worked with their investment advisors to endeavor to make increased income available for distribution while the quality of the portfolios has remained high.

	Book Value	12/31/06 Market Value	2006 Income Paid to Town	2007 Estimate Income to Town
Highways Fund	$1,189,778.25	$5,899,277.00	$166,785.00	$150,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	$191,997.00	$262,116.00	$5,396.00	$5,000.00
Schools Fund	$3,638,226.00	$5,325,270.00	$117,668.00	$100,000.00

Very truly yours,

James S. Thomas, Trustee
David Ames, Jr., Trustee

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

Income			
	Donors		16,000
	Rental Income		11,175
	Investment account		12,500
	Miscellaneous		
	Total income		**$39, 675**
Expenses			
Fees:	Rental Agent and Custodian	4,370	
	Insurance- workmen's comp	283	
	Sub-total	4,653	
Utilities:			
	Heating Oil	5,075	
	Furnace Service	215	
	Massachusetts Electric	3,141	
	Bay State Gas	733	
	Town of Easton- Water (with sprinkler fees)	600	
	Verizon- 238-9995	398	
	Sub-total	10,162	
Fire Safety:			
	Inspect fire extinguishers	77	
	Sprinkler Inspections (4)	2,000	
	Electronic Fire Detection System Repair	670	
	Sub-total	2,747	
First Floor/ Stairs / Second Floor Foyer Renovations:			
	Carpet, first and second floors	7,450	
	Strip/refinish floors, hallway, and stairs	5,150	
	Carpentry on stairs, Hall "C", ceilings	4,200	
	Paint First & Second floor walls, ceilings	3,000	
	Hand strip/refinish hallway wood arch	1,000	
	Remove heating duct in hallway	550	
	Sub-total	21,350	
Other Expenses:			
	Trash service	338	
	Liability Insurance	520	
	Miscellaneous	365	
	Sub-total	1,223	
	Total Expense		**$40, 135**
Net Income (deficit)			**($460)**

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames,
President, Board of Trustees

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Easton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of four citizens "at large" and five members selected from other Town boards and committees. The citizens-at-large include Michael Boyle, former member of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and Finance Committee; Patricia Hunt, former selectwoman and former FinCom member; James D. Mullen, Jr., Water Advisory Commission member, former selectman and former FinCom member; and Avery Lee Williams, townsperson active in many community organizations. John Grant serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; Edmund Hands serves for the Easton Historical Commission; Christopher Kone, chairman of the Easton Planning and Zoning Board, serves for the PZB; and Michael Malloy serves for the Easton Housing Authority. We want to welcome Mike McDonald, Chairperson of the Recreation Commission, to the Committee this year and we want to thank departing Recreation Commission representative Frank Spillane for his service.

As mentioned in prior reports, the Community Preservation Act was enacted by the legislature and signed by the Governor in September of 2000, to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space (including recreation), historic resources and community housing. At that time, statistics were showing that open space in Massachusetts was being developed at a rate of 44 acres per day and our legislators realized that funding would be needed to preserve our fast-disappearing open spaces. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds in October of each year. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community in the preceding fiscal year, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. Easton's CPA surcharge has two exemptions: the first $100,000 of value of each residence and an exemption for property owned by lower income persons.

We are pleased to report that in October of 2006, the Town received $693,938 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Community Preservation matching funds. This is the fifth state match since the inception of the CPA law and the fifth 100% state match. Because Easton voters had the foresight to adopt CPA at the outset, Easton has maximized its receipt of state matching funds. This latest award increases Easton's state matching funds to $2,785,197. So far, for every dollar that we have raised, we've received a dollar from the state – a 100% return on our investment. We also note that at the time of our report to you last year, there were 103 CPA communities. There are now 119. As time goes by, more and more communities are adopting CPA.

FY 2002 is the first year that Easton collected CPA funds. Through January 31, 2007, Easton has raised $6,401,685, with $2,785,197 of those funds from state matching funds. 10% of that total must be reserved for each of the three community preservation purposes: historic preservation; community housing; and open space preservation. The balance of CPA funds are not reserved for any particular community preservation purpose, but must be spent on community preservation projects. The money cannot be directed to ordinary Town expenditures. CPA funds can only be spent as the CPA law states and upon a favorable recommendation of the CPA Committee and Town Meeting approval. Currently, there is $607,784 in CPA housing reserves; $152,784 in historic preservation reserves; $540,555 in open space reserves; and $4,458,000 in unreserved CPA funds.

Although we might at first think that there are ample CPA funds in reserve, we need to keep in mind the anticipated costs of projects that we know are in the pipeline. As previously outlined during Town Meeting presentations and in prior reports, the Committee anticipates the major expenditures from CPA funds will be in land acquisition for Open Space and Recreation projects. If we follow the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Town's long-term open space and recreation needs can be satisfied by acquiring the land needed for protection of water supply and watershed areas; for preservation of the Town's major scenic vistas and historic landscapes; to connect important wildlife habitat and green spaces; and to

accommodate the community's current and future needs for passive and active recreation and for recreational field space. One of the priority parcels identified by the Committee contains more than 100 acres and is suitable for a new recreational playing fields complex. We believe that such an important acquisition would satisfy the Town's current and future needs for recreational playing fields. When we consider the costs of large parcels of land in Easton, we realize that we need to be thoughtful in the selection of projects to ensure that sufficient funds will be available for these priority parcels when they come up for sale. When it comes to land acquisition, there are no second chances. Once land is sold to development, we can't turn back the clock and preserve it for the Town's use. (It is noted that the Committee declines to identify the specific parcels under consideration as they are owned by private citizens who are not at present ready to sell their land.)

The Town's approved CPA projects are as follows.

Historic Resources: This year, Town Meeting approved an award of $380,000 in CPA funding for the Historic Unity Church Restoration project. The Unity Church is an example of Gothic Revivalist architecture, designed by Life Magazine founder John Ames Mitchell. It is located within the National Historic District in North Easton and is the home of John LaFarge's famous stained glass windows. The Church's exterior needed extensive work, including roof work, stone and mortar work, and structural work in the Church's bell tower. The total project is priced at $1,800,000. CPA funds will be used to leverage other funds and grants. In exchange for this grant, the Town received a preservation restriction over the building's exterior and a monthly right of public access to the building's beautiful interior.

Past Town Meetings approved CPA historic funds of $100,000 for the restoration of the Olmstead Rockery, which funds were then leveraged to obtain an additional $42,500 in state matching funds from the Mass. Historic Commission. We look forward to the release of the Historic Commission's Historic Resources Survey and the Commission's suggestions for future historic preservation projects.

Open Space and Recreation: This year, the Committee has been working with the Recreation Commission on a plan to create new town playing fields. Specifically, we have been looking at the Foundry St. parcel that the Town acquired several years ago for playing field development. The Committee encouraged and approved the request of the Recreation Commission for funding of up to $25,000 in CPA funds to review the feasibility of creating new playing fields at that site. The results of the study were reviewed by the Recreation Commission and they determined that the site is not conducive for recreation field placement. Town Meeting will decide whether to keep or sell this parcel of land at a February Special Town Meeting. We will continue to work with the Recreation Commission toward the creation of additional town playing fields.

In Fiscal 2006, with CPA funding, the Town acquired a 40-acre parcel of land located on Dean Street for $1.375 million. The parcel is located entirely within the Hockomock Swamp Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), is adjacent to Wheaton Farm, and is surrounded on three sides by town-owned land. This parcel serves as a critical link in the "green" corridor that runs from the Hockomock Swamp to Wheaton Farm and on to Borderland State Park. The loss of this important parcel to development would have fragmented and damaged the larger ecosystem.

Community Housing: The Town Meeting has, thus far, approved CPA funds for the May Institute Project for developmentally disabled young adults and funds for an Affordable Housing Plan. We are hoping that the Affordable Housing Plan will help to provide a blueprint for CPA housing projects as the Open Space and Recreation Plan does for those projects. We have met several times with the Town's Housing Partnership and its consultant to discuss the Town's affordable housing needs and what the Town can do to address those needs. The Committee encourages the submission of proposals for affordable housing projects. As previously stated, there is currently $607,784 in CPA reserves for eligible affordable housing projects.

There are two websites that contain information on the Community Preservation Act. One is the website of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs at www.state.ma.us/envir and the other is at www.communitypreservation.org. Easton's CPA Committee also lists information on the Town's website

at www.easton.ma.us. The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Town Offices and more often, as needed. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage the public to attend. We hold one public hearing each year and report to the Town Meeting on an annual basis. All CPA projects must be approved by Town Meeting. We can be reached through the Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm St. Easton, MA 02356.

In closing, we want to thank former Town Administrator Martha White for her assistance. We also want to thank Town Accountant Wendy Nightingale for her financial and accounting assistance and Mike Deltano for assisting us with our webpage. We also want to welcome Town Administrator David Colton and look forward to working with him in the future. We thank the Selectmen for their continued support of CPA and the Committee's efforts. Primarily, appreciation is due to the people of Easton for their foresight in passing the Community Preservation Act and for their continued support of its goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hunt, Chair, for the Committee
James D. Mullen, Jr., Vice Chair
John Grant, Clerk
Michael Boyle
Edmund Hands
Christopher Kone
Michael Malloy
Michael McDonald
Avery Lee Williams

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

On June 30, 2006 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-seven years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Mosquito Surveillance Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach: - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 9,217.6 acres
- Treated 50 acres in 154 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- Received 1,050 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,124 feet of brush
- Treated 220 catch basins

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in a cooperative effort with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health – State Laboratory Institute has been trapping mosquitoes throughout Bristol County and sending the collections to the State Virus Lab. In this cooperative effort, 76 Eastern Equine Encephalitis mosquito pools and 11 West Nile Virus mosquito pools have tested positive throughout Bristol County.

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Easton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Andrews, Superintendent
December 31, 2006

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Steven E. Antunes-Kenyon
Christine A. Fagan
Joseph Barile

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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2006 REPORT OF
THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Borderland State Park Advisory Council (BSPAC) held two meetings in 2006, April 5, and November 14. A number of letters and memos were sent to State Senators and State Representatives soliciting their help for Borderland staffing and funding. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and other administrators within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) were also contacted by the BSPAC concerning matters at Borderland. These matters were related to staffing, maintenance and funding at the park. The Council sent out five e-mail reports during the year on action items at Borderland, they were sent to the DCR staff, Friends members, legislators and Council. The $200,000 in funding that was approved for FY 2005/6 for repair or leaks in the Mansion roof-re-glazing and or replacement of windows was conducted in April. Much of the work still remains to be done because the contractor did not anticipate the lead paint used on the windows. Being a historic building, an architect was hired to oversee the project. Water damage still occurs within the Mansion during heavy rain because of the still faulty roof. The DCR sent an electrical maintenance team to the Mansion in June to address all of the faulty electrical problems. They did an excellent job of correcting the wiring problems.

Staffing at Borderland is still at three full time employees to cover 77 hours of park operations each week as well as collecting fees, general maintenance, administration, safety patrolling, opening and closing a 1700+ acre park. The Council has lobbied the DCR directly and indirectly to add a Park Interpreter and another labor position to no avail. As a result, the operation and maintenance of the Park is being adversely effected.

The Park collected $86,000.00 in parking fees and passes for the year ending July 2006, all of which went into the **State General Fund, not Borderland State Park**. Attendance continues at 180 to 200,000 as more and more people discover this peaceful oasis in suburbia.

The Council has urged the DCR for years to put the Smith farmhouse in the Curator Program so that the house would be maintained and occupied. The DCR finally appointed a director of the Curator Program in late December. A similar problem exists with the Wilbur farmhouse, which still needs a little repair work and a tenant to occupy and maintain it. This is one of the oldest houses in Easton. The house should also be in the Curator Program. A maintenance team has been promised for early 2007.

The Park budget for 2006 was level funded again even though heating and fuel costs increased. Friends of Borderland helped the park staff purchase supplies and equipment making thousands of dollars available to supplement funds from the DCR.

The Council and Friends had a meeting with DCR Commissioner Stephen Burrington and Senators and Representatives from the Borderland area in the State House. Representative Geraldine Creedon arranged the meeting to address staffing and equipment at the Park. The meeting produced a commitment to have a new truck and plow at Borderland in FY 2006/7. The truck has not yet arrived.

Longtime Council member Paul Berry representing the Easton Historical Society has left the Council and will be replaced in early 2007. The Council Members commend Berry for his part in the Council and wish him the best in the future.

The Council and the staff at Borderland appreciate support of the town departments, the Historical Society, the Friends of Borderland and the Easton Garden Club.

If you have any questions regarding Park policy please feel free to contact Borderland Park at (508) 238-6656 or Council members.

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Hocking, Jr., Chairman (Foxboro)
John J. Kent, Easton Representative
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Easton Cultural Council (ECC), a local cultural council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is to support public programs that promote education, diversity, excellence in and access to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Its mission is to directly affect the residents of Easton, to achieve the greatest community benefit, and to cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The ECC endeavors to make cultural opportunities accessible to all segments of the population, including but not limited to, all racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans and women. We are pleased to say that we were able to (at least partially) fund several programs that will greatly enrich Easton townspeople of all ages and backgrounds.

This past granting cycle we had seven active members: Katherine Minsky and Marion Wingfield, Co-Chairs, Michael Mahany, Treasurer, Wanda Azevedo, Secretary, Nancy Arns, Member, and two new members, Mary Goulart and Heidi Harlfinger.

Beginning in September of 2006, we received 34 applications for a request total of $19,445. After a series of meetings and deliberations, including interviews with several of the applicants, we voted in January, 2007, to approve 22 of those applications, granting a total of $6050, to be dispersed in 2007/08.

The Council is currently seeking additional members, and can contact Katherine Minsky at 508-230-0512.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Minksy and Marion Wingfield, Co-Chairs

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The eighteen member communities of the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) have continued to benefit from the provision of procurement and other services to their municipalities during 2006. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004.

One of the organization's major accomplishments has been keeping dues at a reasonable level without an increase since July 1, 2003. The regional administrator has accomplished this by implementing cost savings measures including bundling phone and internet services, seeking out less expensive payroll services, participating in SERSG contracts for paper and office supplies, and making better use of technology to cut or maintain costs.

Cooperative procurements for Paper and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring and for DPW Services in the fall. Initial review of state and other municipal contracts reveals that SERSG procurements continue to yield lower prices on many DPW Supplies and Services for municipalities.

In addition to procurement work, Ms. Thomas worked with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions to coordinate a local training available to conservation commissioners state-wide. Surveys of interest were conducted and the training was held in the spring and summer in Easton.

With many Board members describing the need to enhance employee morale, Ms. Thomas worked with LifeWatch Employee Assistance program to develop a March seminar entitled, "Building A Peaceful Work Environment" Almost 40 people from member communities participated, and the evaluations of the seminar were overwhelmingly positive. Similar trainings are being discussed for the future.

A representative of the State Office of Women and Minority Business Assistance (SOWMBA) made a presentation at a fall Board of Directors meeting to clarify new guidelines for municipalities involving contracts to Minority and Women Business vendors.

Ms. Thomas was invited to speak to the Wrentham Board of Selectmen over the summer to clarify the cooperative procurement process and to explain how membership benefits the town.

The Pipeline Project continued to be active during the year with Ms. Thomas coordinating Committee meetings, the RFP process and hiring of a community relations firm, and the RFP process for a construction supervisor for the projects. Mitigation negotiations were finalized in two of four communities during 2006, and the Committee is hopeful that construction on municipal rights of way may be able to begin in spring 2007.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

ANNUAL REPORT 2006

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There were five Town Meetings in 2006 – the Special Town Meeting on March 6, 2006; the Annual Town Meeting on May 15 which was adjourned to June 12, together with a Special Town Meeting on June 12; and on September 7. There were three elections conducted this calendar year – the Annual Town Election on April 25, 2006, the State Primary on September 19, 2006 and the State Election on November 7, 2006. Please refer to the individual reports for detailed information on these meetings and elections.

During calendar 2006 we assisted 756 travelers with Passport Services, bringing in $22,680 of revenue for the Town. This was an increase of 268 travelers and $6,840 in revenue over 2005.

We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Stonehill College, HarborOne Credit Union, Hannaford Supermarket, Easton Knights of Columbus and Pvt. George Schindler VFW Post who donated funds to allow the Town to purchase a camera to use to take Passport photos. Because of their generosity, we are able to provide "one-stop shopping" for our Passport customers.

The Town was deeply saddened by the passing of long-time Town Clerk Emeritus Esther C. Anderson on July 28, 2006. Esther was completely devoted to the Town of Easton, and with her went a wealth of information about the Town. She is greatly missed.

We wish to express our thanks to the family of Harry and Marion Johnson who donated several older Town Reports and other valuable reports to add to the Town's collection.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of the Town Clerk serves as the central information center of the Town by collecting, maintaining and disseminating public records; being a direct link between the residents of Easton and their local government. The office strives to serve the public and all Town Departments by being versatile, alert, accurate and patient. The goal of the Office of the Town Clerk is to preserve, protect and uphold all Town records in the custody of the Town Clerk, including Vital Records, and to conduct fair and impartial Elections for Registered Voters, all in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, rendering equal service to all in order to merit public confidence.

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The Town Clerk serves you as…

CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL

- Oversees polling places, election officers, and the general conduct of all elections.
- Directs preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, administers campaign finance laws, certifies nomination papers and initiative petitions and serves on the local Board of Registrars.
- Supervises voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth.
- Conducts the annual town census, prepares the street list of residents and school list, and furnishes the jury list to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

RECORDING OFFICER

- Records and certifies all official actions of the Town, including town meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Appeals Decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, and keeps the Town Seal.
- Records state tax liens.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

- Registers all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents.
- Records and preserves original birth, marriage, and death records providing the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system.

PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICER

- Administers the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards and ensures that all elected and appointed officials are informed of the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws. Posts meetings of all government bodies.
- Provides access to public records in compliance with State Public Records Law and corresponding regulations.
- Provides certified copies of vital records and conducts or assists with genealogical research for members of the public, and is responsible for maintenance, disposition and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.
- Maintains records of adopted municipal codes, local bylaws, oaths of office, resignations and appointments, petitions, publications, budgets, meeting minutes, and financial statements.
- Submits bylaws and zoning ordinances to Attorney General for approval.

LICENSING OFFICER

- Issues state licenses and permits: including marriage licenses, hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, and permits for raffles and bazaars. Issues county or local licenses, permits, and certificates as mandated by statute or bylaw, which may include business certificates, animal licenses, and fuel storage permits.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

- Responds to inquires from the general public, frequently serving as facilitator with departments, providing knowledge and assistance in a fair and impartial manner to all.
- Often considered the core of local government, the Town Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for local residents and citizens at large.

PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENT

- Assists travelers with executing passport applications.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please contact us in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

PCT	AMERICAN INDEPENDENT	DEMOCRAT	GREEN PARTY USA	GREEN-RAINBOW	INTER. 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	SOCIALIST	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
At the close of Registration February 24, 2006 for the Special Town Meeting on March 6, 2006											
1	0	454	0	2	1	7	1	334	0	863	1662
2	0	677	0	3	2	9	0	479	1	1384	2555
3	0	642	1	1	1	14	0	407	0	1297	2363
4	0	613	0	3	4	17	0	438	0	1256	2331
5	0	741	0	4	3	6	1	414	0	1417	2586
6	1	618	0	2	5	15	0	435	0	1289	2365
Total	1	3745	1	15	16	68	2	2507	1	7506	13862
At the close of Registration April 5, 2006 for Annual Town Election on April 25, 2006											
1	0	463	0	2	1	7	1	345	0	896	1715
2	0	703	0	4	2	10	0	506	1	1429	2655
3	0	674	1	2	1	15	0	435	0	1339	2467
4	0	644	0	4	4	17	1	447	0	1305	2422
5	0	763	0	4	3	6	1	421	0	1441	2639
6	1	630	0	2	5	15	0	443	0	1339	2435
Total	1	3877	1	18	16	70	3	2597	1	7749	14333
At the close of Registration April 25, 2006 for Annual Town Meeting on May 15, 2006											
1	0	457	0	2	1	7	1	336	0	878	1682
2	0	684	0	3	2	9	0	480	1	1396	2575
3	0	650	1	1	1	14	0	410	0	1311	2388
4	0	619	0	3	4	17	0	440	0	1269	2352
5	0	753	0	4	3	6	1	414	0	1433	2614
6	1	628	0	2	5	15	0	438	0	1305	2394
Total	1	3791	1	15	16	68	2	2518	1	7592	14005
At the close of Registration May 17, 2006 for Special Override Election on June 6, 2006											
1	0	460	0	2	1	7	1	345	0	899	1715
2	0	703	0	4	2	10	0	505	1	1422	2647
3	0	673	1	1	1	15	0	430	0	1337	2458
4	0	636	0	4	4	17	1	447	0	1299	2408
5	0	765	0	4	3	6	1	418	0	1442	2639
6	1	633	0	2	5	15	0	443	0	1343	2442
Total	1	3870	1	17	16	70	3	2588	1	7742	14309
At the close of Registration June 2, 2006 for Special Town Meeting on June 12, 2006											
1	0	459	0	2	1	7	1	338	0	888	1696
2	0	689	0	3	2	9	0	484	1	1405	2593
3	0	657	1	1	1	14	0	412	0	1324	2410
4	0	620	0	3	4	17	0	441	0	1276	2361
5	0	759	0	4	3	6	1	415	0	1437	2625
6	1	635	0	2	5	15	0	443	0	1320	2421
Total	1	3819	1	15	16	68	2	2533	1	7650	14106

PCT	AMERICAN INDEPENDENT	DEMOCRAT	GREEN PARTY USA	GREEN-RAINBOW	INTER. 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	SOCIALIST	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
At the close of Registration August 28, 2006 for Special Town Meeting on September 7, 2006											
1	0	468	0	2	1	7	1	346	0	906	1731
2	0	709	0	4	2	9	0	502	1	1442	2669
3	0	678	1	1	1	15	0	428	0	1356	2480
4	0	641	0	3	4	17	1	447	0	1304	2417
5	0	777	0	4	3	6	1	424	0	1461	2676
6	1	644	0	2	5	15	0	452	0	1353	2472
Total	1	3917	1	16	16	69	3	2599	1	7822	14445
At the close of Registration August 30, 2006 for State Primary on September 19, 2006											
1	0	471	0	2	1	7	1	347	0	907	1736
2	0	710	0	4	2	9	0	502	1	1442	2670
3	0	679	1	1	1	15	0	427	0	1357	2481
4	0	642	0	3	4	17	1	449	0	1307	2423
5	0	778	0	4	3	6	1	424	0	1459	2675
6	1	645	0	2	5	15	0	451	0	1353	2472
Total	1	3925	1	16	16	69	3	2600	1	7825	14457
At the close of Registration October 18, 2006 for State Election on November 7, 2006											
1	0	483	0	2	1	7	1	344	0	911	1749
2	0	706	0	3	2	9	0	496	1	1456	2673
3	0	684	1	2	1	14	0	420	0	1379	2501
4	0	639	0	3	4	17	0	449	0	1318	2430
5	0	782	0	4	3	6	1	426	0	1490	2712
6	1	662	0	3	5	15	0	454	0	1370	2510
Total	1	3956	1	17	16	68	2	2589	1	7924	14575

Respectfully submitted,
Jean M. Kent, Chairman
Jean H. Cote
Kent M. Keith
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

2006 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN EASTON
RECEIVED THRU JANUARY 12, 2007

BIRTHS

Males	106	198	Single Births
Females	92	8	Sets of Twins
	198	**206**	

MARRIAGES

Marriages in Easton	**44**	**Residence of Party A & Party B**	
Marriages Out of Easton	**58**	Both Residents of Easton	64
	102	One Easton, One Other MA Town	14
		One Easton, One Out of State	6
		Both Out of State	10
		Both Out of Town	8
		One Out of Town, One Out of State	0
			102

DEATHS

Residents who died in Easton	77	**BY AGE & GENDER**			
Residents who died out of Easton	85	Ages	Female	Male	
Non-Residents who died in Easton	23	0-20	0	0	0
Total	**185**	21-49	0	3	3
		50-59	6	6	12
TYPE OF FACILITY:		60-69	10	11	21
Hospital	56	70-79	17	27	44
Nursing Home	58	80-89	38	18	56
Residence	44	90-99	14	11	25
Other	4	100+(104)	1	0	1
Total	**162**	**Total**	**87**	**76**	**162**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 2006 TO DECEMBER 2006

	Licenses Class Issued	# Issued	Fees	Total
F1	RESIDENT FISHING	69	$ 22.50	$ 1,552.50
F2	RESIDENT FISHING MINOR	10	$ 6.50	$ 65.00
F3	FISHING LICENSE 65-69	7	$ 10.75	$ 75.25
F4	FISHING RESIDENT AGE 70	17	free	
F6	NON-RESIDENT FISHING	1	$ 37.50	$ 37.50
F7	NON -RESIDENT (3DAY)	1	$ 23.50	$ 23.50
	TOTAL FISHING LICENSES	**105**	**$ 100.75**	**$ 1,753.75**
H1	RESIDENT CITIZEN HUNTING	16	$ 27.50	$ 440.00
H2	RESIDENT HUNTING (AGE 65-69	2	$ 16.25	$ 32.50
H8	RESIDENT MINOR HUNTING(AGE 15-17)	1	$ 11.50	$ 11.50
S1	RESIDENT SPORTING	31	$ 45.00	$ 1,395.00
S2	RESIDENT SPORTING(AGE 65-69)	6	$ 25.00	$ 150.00
S3	RESIDENT SPORTING (AGE 70 OR OVER)	42	FREE	
DS	DUPLICATE SPORTING	1	$ 2.50	$ 2.50
	TOTAL SPORTING LICENSES	**99**	**$ 127.75**	**$ 2,031.50**
M1	ARCHERY STAMP	35	$ 5.10	$ 178.50
M2	WATERFOWL STAMP	19	$ 5.00	$ 95.00
M3	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS STAMP	32	$ 5.10	$ 163.20
W1	WILD CONSER. STAMP (RESIDENT)	86	$ 5.00	$ 430.00
	TOTAL STAMPS ISSUED	**172**	**$ 20.20**	**$ 866.70**
	Total Licenses Issued	**204**	**$ 228.50**	**$ 3,785.25**
	Total Licenses Issued & Stamps Issued	**$ 376.00**	**$ 248.70**	**$ 4,651.95**
	Sporting License Fees	197	$ 1.00	$ 197.00
	Sporting License Fees	174	$ 0.50	$ 87.00
	Stamp Fees	15	$ 0.25	$ 3.75
	Stamp Fees	79	$ 0.10	$ 7.90
	Total Fees	**465**		**$ 295.65**
	License Fees Deducted	174	$ 0.50	$ 87.00
	Waterfowl Stamp Fees Deducted	19	$ 0.25	$ 4.75
	Archery Stamp Fees Deducted	35	$ 0.10	$ 3.50
	Primitive Fire Arms Fees	32	$ 0.10	$ 3.20
	Total Fees Deducted License & Stamps	**260**		**$ 98.45**
	Total PAID TO Fisheries & Wildlife			**$ 4,553.50**

Respectfully submitted
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 2005 TO JUNE 2006

ISSUED JANUARY 1, 2006 TO JULY 2006 INCLUSIVE

	License	Fee	Total
	2005 (JAN TO APRIL)		
21	Neutered	$10.00	$210.00
7	Males	$15.00	$105.00
20	Spayed Females	$10.00	$200.00
3	Females	$15.00	$45.00
	Kennel License	$25.00	$0.00
	Kennel License	$50.00	$0.00
	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$0.00
	Total Licenses		$560.00
61	Late Fees & violations	$ 25.00	$1,525.00
5	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$150.00
	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.		
	Collected		**$2,235.00**
	2006 (JAN TO APRIL)		
261	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$2,610.00
43	Males	$ 15.00	$645.00
295	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$2,950.00
27	Females	$ 15.00	$405.00
	Kennel	$ 25.00	$0.00
	Kennel	$ 50.00	$0.00
	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$ -
	Total Licenses		$6,610.00
	Late Fees	$25.00	$0.00
	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$0.00
	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.		
	Collected		**$6,610.00**
	Total Licenses Collected		$7,170.00
	Total Late Fees	$ 25.00	$0.00
	Total Funds Collected		**$7,170.00**
	Total Paid to Treasurer		**$8,845.00**

	License	Fee	Total
	2005 (MAY-JUNE 2006)		
13	Neutered	$10.00	$130.00
	Males	$15.00	$0.00
15	Spayed Females	$10.00	$150.00
2	Females	$15.00	$30.00
	Kennel License	$25.00	$0.00
	Kennel License	$50.00	$0.00
	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$0.00
	Total Licenses		$310.00
38	Late Fees & violations	$ 25.00	$950.00
	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$0.00
	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.		$178.00
	Collected		**$1,438.00**
	2006 (MAY-JUNE 2006)		
367	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$3,670.00
71	Males	$ 15.00	$1,065.00
407	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$4,070.00
43	Females	$ 15.00	$645.00
	Kennel	$ 25.00	$0.00
1	Kennel	$ 50.00	$50.00
	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$0.00
	Total Licenses		$9,500.00
	Late Fees	$25.00	$0.00
1	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$30.00
	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.		
	Collected		**$9,530.00**
	Total Licenses Collected		$9,810.00
	Total Late Fees	$ 25.00	$0.00
	Total Funds Collected		**$9,810.00**
			$10,968.00

	License	Fee	Total
	2005 (JULY 2006)		
	Neutered	$10.00	$0.00
	Males	$15.00	$0.00
	Spayed Females	$10.00	$0.00
	Females	$15.00	$0.00
	Kennel License	$25.00	$0.00
	Kennel License	$50.00	$0.00
	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$0.00
	Total Licenses		$0.00
	Late Fees & violations	$ 25.00	$0.00
	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$0.00
	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.		
	Collected		**$0.00**
	2006 (July)		
22	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$220.00
8	Males	$ 15.00	$120.00
38	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$380.00
3	Females	$ 15.00	$45.00
	Kennel	$ 25.00	$0.00
	Kennel	$ 50.00	$0.00
	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$0.00
	Total Licenses		$765.00
32	Late Fees	$25.00	$800.00
	Pick-up Impound	$ 30.00	$0.00
	Misc Dogs & Dup tags.		$41.00
	Collected		**$1,606.00**
	Total Licenses Collected		$765.00
	Total Late Fees	$ 25.00	$0.00
	Total Funds Collected		**$765.00**
			$1,606.00

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

Town Clerks fees issued January 2006 to December 2006

	Fees		
Birth	$ 10.00	646	$ 6,460.00
Deaths	$ 10.00	468	$ 4,680.00
Marriage	$ 10.00	266	$ 2,660.00
Misc Vitals	$ 5.00		$ 94.88
Marriage Intentions	$ 25.00	82	$ 2,050.00
Voter ID	$ 8.00	2	$ 16.00
Business Certificate	$ 25.00	278	$ 6,950.00
Business Cert/Change	$ 15.00	2	$ 30.00
Business Disc	$ 20.00	32	$ 640.00
Charter	$ 1.75	2	$ 3.50
Gas Permits			$ 4,501.00
Street Listings	$ 10.00	114	$ 1,140.00
Computer Copies	$ 0.50	444	$ 222.00
Copies, Inc.	$ 0.20	955	$ 217.36
Copy Disks	$ 25.00	10	$ 250.00
Raffle Permit	$ 15.00		85..00
Declaration Homestead	$ 15.00	2	$ 30.00
Fish Holders	$ 0.25	24	$ 6.00
Pole Location (open)			$ 50.00
Passport	$ 30.00	623	$ 18,690.00
Postage			$ 93.90
Total Town Clerk Fees	**$ 225.70**		**$ 48,784.64**
			$ -
Sporting Lic. Fees	$ 1.00	197	$ 197.00
Sporting fees	$ 0.50	174	$ 87.00
Spoting fees	$ 0.10	79	$ 7.90
Sporting fees	$ 0.25	15	$ 3.75
Total All Fees			**$ 49,080.29**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 6, 2006

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium in said Easton on Monday, the 6th day of March, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

The Special Town Meeting in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:08 p.m. with quorum present.

The following list of non-Town Officials were voted admittance to the hall: Elaine Lucas, Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District; MEDIA: Enterprise: Vicki Downing, Ryan McLane; Easton Journal: Josh Press, Bill Gouveia; Media One: Robyn Souza; Easton Bulletin, Easton Buzz, Hometown News. REPRESENTATIVES: Congressman Stephen Lynch & Jim Gordon, District Office (Not Attending Tonight); State Senator Robert Creedon; State Senator Brian Joyce; State Representative Christine Canavan; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Representative David Flynn

ARTICLE 1. NON-BINDING VOTE RE: CREATION OF ENTERPRISE FUND
To see if the Town is supportive of creating an Enterprise Fund for the purpose of funding a solid waste and recycling collection program for the Town, with such vote being non-binding, or take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 1. **CORONA** moved that the Town vote to express its support for the creation of Enterprise Fund for the purpose of funding a solid waste and recycling collection program for the Town, with such vote being non-binding.

EXPLANATION:
A study group formed by the Town Administrator has been reviewing options for improvement to the method of collection of solid waste and recyclable materials in the town. The Committee will be recommending to the Board of Selectmen that a Request for Proposals be issued through which a preferred vendor for this service will be selected. By law, residents will have the option of not utilizing the preferred vendor and instead choosing their own collection company, but it is anticipated that the preferred vendor contract will significantly reduce the cost per household while improving service. As part of study group's analysis, consideration is being given to the creation of an Enterprise Fund so that the preferred vendor can invoice the town, instead of each individual homeowner, thus creating greater savings. If there is support for this method, an analysis will be made after vendor proposals are received to determine the best method for administering the service.

Vote required to pass: Simple majority
Selectmen: Recommend

Finance Committee: Recommend

Article 1 Town Meeting Action: VOTED.

ARTICLE 2. GRANTING EASEMENT TO NATIONAL GRID

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to National Grid to facilitate the installation, operation and maintenance of an overhead/underground electrical distribution system for the Easton Middle School on Columbus Avenue as described in an easement document to be recorded at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds and as shown on a plan marked Exhibit A attached thereto said plan entitled "Massachusetts Electric A National Grid Company South Shore District Boston- Easton Middle School Proposed Relocation of UG Facilities off Pole 20 Columbus Avenue, dated 12-07-05, Plan #24262," a copy of said plan being available for review in the Office of the Town Administrator, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2.**HAEDERLE** moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to National Grid to facilitate the installation, operation and maintenance of an overhead/underground electrical distribution system for the Easton Middle School on Columbus Avenue as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
This easement is necessary for the Middle School project.

Vote required to pass: two-thirds
Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: No action taken

Article 2 Town Meeting Action: Unanimous Vote.

The following additional list of non-voters were allowed admittance to the hall: REQUESTING ADMITTANCE FOR 3/6/06: *Tad Morse – Re Central Street Bridge; Wayne Hadley, Comcast; Karly Graham 10 Cross Street; Mario Vargas, 47 Prospect Street; Edward Frost and Roberta Campbell from White's Rubbish Removal.*

ARTICLE 3. ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS TO FACILITATE CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, temporary and permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of the Central Street Bridge from the following parcels as depicted on the indicated plans, said plans being available for review in the Office of the Town Administrator:

24 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-1, Temporary Easement C-TE-1, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.

20 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-2, Temporary Easement C-TE-2, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.

17 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-3, Temporary Easement C-TE-3, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.

7 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-4, Temporary Easement C-TE-4, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.

16 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-5, Temporary Easement C-TE-5, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.

14 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-6, Temporary Easement C-TE-6, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.

10 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-7, Temporary Easement C-TE-7, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.
593 Washington Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Permanent Easement C-E-8, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.
589 Washington Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Temporary Easement C-TE-9, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.
19 Central Street, Plan entitled Town of Easton Temporary Easement C-TE-10, Easton Massachusetts, Scale 1:250, February 2006, BETA Group, Inc.
and further, to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money as needed to fund the land acquisitions or costs associated therewith, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. **LESS** moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, through either deed by gift or eminent domain, temporary and permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of the Central Street Bridge all as described in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
These easements are necessary for the reconstruction of the Central Street bridge.

Vote required to pass:	two-thirds
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

Article 3 Town Meeting Action: Unanimous Vote.

ARTICLE 4. FUNDING FOR SECRETARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money as needed to fund a part-time recording secretary for the Municipal Building Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. **KING** moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $1,200 to fund a part- time recording secretary for the Municipal Building Committee.

EXPLANATION:
The Municipal Building Committee, which is overseeing both the High School and the Middle School construction projects, has very frequent and lengthy meetings in which many critical decisions are made. The record of these decisions and the discussion that led to them is often of interest to the public, contractors, and others. It is essential that accurate, thorough and timely minutes of these meetings are produced. To date, these minutes have been prepared by a variety of volunteers. A permanent recording secretary would provide consistency and reliability with respect to this important function.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

Article 4 Town Meeting Action: Voted.

ARTICLE 5. FUNDING FOR CONSULTING ASSISTANCE FOR THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH PROCESS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money as needed to fund consulting services associated with the Town Administrator search process, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5. **COHEN** moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $18,000 to fund consulting services associated with the Town Administrator search process.

EXPLANATION:

The Selectmen have spoken to a number of communities who have recently hired an Administrator or Manager and it is consistently recommended that a consulting firm be used to aid in this process. The selected firm can provide services such as helping the Board clarify their objectives, network to seek out the best candidates, obtain in-depth comments from professional peers of those candidates, design a custom recruitment strategy, build a pool of qualified, proven candidates, guide the evaluation of those candidates and facilitate interviews as needed, inform the Board's deliberations with respect to the candidates and aid in the negotiation process with the candidate selected. The cost of these services as compared to their value is considered by the Board to be money wisely spent.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

Article 5 Town Meeting Action: Voted.

ARTICLE 6. PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEAR BILL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6. **CORONA** moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $322.88 to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year.

EXPLANATION:

This invoice was incurred by the Police Department from Southcoast Hospital Group/Charlton Memorial Hospital. The payment was mistakenly mailed to the insurance company, and by the time that the check was returned and payment was re-issued, the books for fiscal 2006 had been closed out.

Vote required to pass:	Nine-tenths
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

Article 6 Town Meeting Action: Unanimous Vote.

At 7:39 p.m. a motion to DISSOLVE the Special Town meeting was VOTED. Total Voters Present – 141.

A true record. Attest ***Janet Andrus Linehan****, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton*

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium and at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of February the year Two Thousand Six.

Colleen A. Corona, Chair
John S. Haederle, Clerk
Charles P. King
Colleen A. Less
Irwin M. Cohen
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Easton, Mass. February 17, 2006
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

Robert W. Bishop, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Warrant for Annual Town Election
April 25, 2006

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium, Lothrop Street
Precincts 3 & 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF APRIL, 2006, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes on one ballot for the following officers:

One Moderator for a term of three years;
Two Selectmen for terms of three years;
One Assessor for a term of three years;
One School Committee member for a term of three years;
One Board of Health member for a term of three years;
One Housing Authority member for a term of five years;
One Housing Authority member for a term of one year
Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years;

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of March, 2006.

Colleen A. Corona
John S. Haederle
Charles P. King
Colleen A. Less
Irwin M. Cohen
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Easton, Mass. March 27, 2006
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

Annual Town Election
Tuesday, April 25, 2006

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, April 25, 2006. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One: J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Jennifer Keach, Deputy Clerk; Carolyn Diamond, Melvin Diamond, Marie Friesen, Wil Roberge, Checkers.

Precinct Two: Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Patricia Baker, Deputy Clerk; Virginia Corte, John Papineau, Irene Roberge, Judith Thomas, Doris Welch, Checkers.

Precinct Three: Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Joseph Camara, Deputy Clerk; Jean Crandell, Rose Furlong, Beverly Hanson, Checkers.

Precinct Four: Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Lorraine Anderson, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; David Devore, Bridget Dumoulin, Ethel Gardner, Checkers.

Precinct Five: Blanche Hicks, Warden; Bennie Moore, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; William McAndrews, Nicolina Previti, Dawn Richardson, Jean Shearing, Althea Thornton, Robert Thornton, Checkers.

Precinct Six: Harvey Blackman, Warden; Antonio Cabral, Deputy Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Kristine Abrams, Joan Hayward, Checkers.

Annual Town Election
April 25, 2006

14,333 Registered Voters **4% Turnout**

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Total Votes Cast:	67	139	67	83	147	77	580

Final Official Election Results:

(Bold type = Elected to Office)

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
MODERATOR (Three Years) (One)							
Richard C. Dailey	41	81	56	57	112	54	401
Write-In	4	3	0	2	5	1	15
Blanks	22	55	11	24	30	22	164
Total	67	139	67	83	147	77	580
SELECTMEN (Three Years) (Not more than Two)							
Colleen A. Corona	50	105	50	66	109	52	432
John S. Haederle	41	98	46	52	102	56	395
Write-Ins	3	0	0	0	4	2	9
Blanks	40	75	38	48	79	44	324
Total	134	278	134	166	294	154	1160

ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)							
Shaun Fitzgerald	50	100	52	62	119	54	437
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	17	39	15	21	28	22	142
Total	67	139	67	83	147	77	580
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (One)							
Ellen Barlow	49	103	52	61	114	54	433
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Blanks	18	35	15	22	32	23	145
Total	67	139	67	83	147	77	580
BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)							
Roger M. Kligler	46	99	58	61	114	53	431
Write-Ins	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	21	38	9	22	33	24	147
Total	67	139	67	83	147	77	580
HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years) (One)							
Sandra L. Conant	47	96	48	61	111	55	418
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Blanks	20	43	18	22	36	21	160
Total	67	139	67	83	147	77	580
HOUSING AUTHORITY (One Year) (One)							
Dennis Sheedy	46	98	57	61	116	50	428
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	21	41	10	22	31	27	152
Total	67	139	67	83	147	77	580
FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)							
Mark S. Carpentier	51	96	43	51	97	46	384
Allen R. Barron	19	65	40	39	66	41	270
Jeremy S. David	30	77	26	45	96	51	325
Jonathan J. Pike	44	95	44	65	108	57	413
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	57	84	48	49	74	36	348
Total	201	417	201	249	441	231	1740

A true record. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 15, 2006

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Olmsted/Richardson School Gymnasium in said Easton on Monday, the 15th day of May, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 15, 2006

The Annual Town Meeting in the Olmstead/Richardson School Gymnasium was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:05 p.m. with quorum present.

The following list of non-voters was moved and VOTED admittance to the hall:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting) Martha L. White, Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Teresa DeSilva, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent; OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Robert Dunn, Land Use Engineer; OTHERS: Elaine Lucas, Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Jerome Burke, Patrick Meagher, Southeastern Regional School District; MEDIA: Enterprise: Vicki Downing, Ryan McLane, Michael Melanson; Easton Journal: Josh Press, Bill Gouveia; Media One: Robyn Souza, Wayne Hadley; Easton Bulletin: Bill Curtin. REPRESENTATIVES: Congressman Stephen Lynch & Bob Fowkes, District Office Rep.; State Senator Robert Creedon; State Senator Brian Joyce; State Representative Christine Canavan; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Representative David Flynn . REQUESTING ADMITTANCE FOR 5/15/06: Rev. Mark Cregan and Fran Dillon, Stonehill College; Rev. Eric Cherry & Linda Rose, Unity Church; Cholpon Djunuskeva and Aleksandr Balkunov, exchange program from Kyrgystan.

Moderator Dailey recognized Rev. Cregan and Fran Dillos of Stonehill College who gave a brief presentation and gift recognizing Town Adminstrator Martha White for her service and cooperation with the College and the Town/Gown Committee.

Moderator Dailey then recognized Congressman Stephen Lynch who gave a brief update of happenings in Washington.

ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 1. CORONA (ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS) moved that the Town vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town.

EXPLANATION:
This is an annual vote to accept the Town Report.

Vote required to pass:	Simple majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	No Action

ARTICLE 1 TOWN MEETING ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2007, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies and services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2007, "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", shall not exceed $35,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 2. HAEDERLE (REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION) moved that the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2007, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account," as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
This is an annual vote to create the Conservation Commission's revolving fund.

Vote Required to Pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 2 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. REVOLVING FUND FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2007 known as the "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other moneys of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received in connection with subdivision approval for application review and inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative cost, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of application review and inspections during construction; and any other related expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Only fees received from applicants in connection with subdivision approval for application review and inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account.
3. The Planning & Zoning Board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2007 "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees", shall not exceed $50,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

ARTICLE 3. LESS (REVOLVING FUND FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD) moved that the Town vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the

provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2007 known as the "Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account," as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
This is an annual vote to create the Planning and Zoning Board's revolving fund.

Vote Required to Pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 3 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH – FOOD INSPECTION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2007, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified Food Inspector for Food Service Inspections and/or for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying any qualified Food Inspector for performing inspections, for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;
2. Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2007 "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", shall not exceed $30,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

ARTICLE 4. KING (REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH – FOOD INSPECTION SERVICES) moved that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2007, as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
This is an annual vote to create the Board of Health's revolving fund.

Vote Required to Pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 4 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. SUPPLEMENT FY 2006 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5. COHEN (SUPPLEMENT FY 2006 BUDGETS) moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $139,058 of which $126,558 shall be transferred from Free Cash and $12,500 shall be transferred from account 01-303-15-6150 voted pursuant to Article 17 of the September 26, 2005 Special Town Meeting, said funds to be used to supplement existing budgets for Fiscal Year 2006, as follows:

School Department/SPED program	$130,000
Council on Aging	$2,558
Town Clerk	$6,500
	$139,058

EXPLANATION:
These departments faced unanticipated cost increases this year that cannot be covered within existing appropriations.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 5 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6. CORONA (PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR) moved that the Town vote appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $500 to pay the cost of a bill from Good Samaritan Medical Center, said bill having been incurred in fiscal year 2004.

EXPLANATION:
The invoice in question, related to an on-the-job firefighter injury, was received after the close of the fiscal year. Thus, town meeting approval is needed to pay the invoice.

Vote required to pass:	4/5th Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 6 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS TO FACILITATE FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 123) RECONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, temporary and permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of Foundry Street (Route 123) from the following parcels as depicted on a plan prepared by Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc. entitled " THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, PLAN OF ROAD IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, BRISTOL COUNTY, SHOWING LOCATION OF EASEMENTS TAKEN BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, SCALE 1 : 250 IN METERS, DATED OCTOBER 15, 2005, said plan being available for review in the Office of the Department of Public Works, and further to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund said acquisitions.

LOCATION	PARCEL NO.	VALUE OF TAKING
814 Foundry Street	TE-1	$ 1,200
812 Foundry Street	TE-2	$ 500
805 Foundry Street	TE-3	$ 400
801 Foundry Street	TE-4	$ 800
804 Foundry Street	TE-5	$ 2,500
797 Foundry Street	TE-6	$ 2,500
800 Foundry Street	TE-7	$ 2,900
793 Foundry Street	TE-8	$ 2,500
785 Foundry Street	TE-9	$ 2,800
781 Foundry Street	TE-10	$ 5,800
32 Canoe River Road	TE-11, TE-12 & D-1	$ 4,900
766 Foundry Street	TE-13 & D-2	$ 3,500
759 Foundry Street	TE-14	$ 4,300
762 Foundry Street	TE-15	$ 4,700
755 Foundry Street	TE-16	$ 3,500
758 Foundry Street	TE-17	$ 1,200

751 Foundry Street	TE-18	$ 4,600
754 Foundry street	TE-19	$ 1,800
752 Foundry Street	TE-20	$ 2,900
747 Foundry Street	TE-21	$ 4,100
743 Foundry Street	TE-22	$ 2,000
2 Norton Avenue	TE-23	$ 700
1 Norton Avenue	TE-24	$ 3,000
27 Shagbark Road	TE-25	$ 1,300
719 Foundry Street	TE-26 & D-3	$ 4,700
701 Foundry Street	TE-27 & D-4	$ 2,000
699 Foundry Street	TE-28	$ 1,100
679 Foundry Street	TE-29 & D-5	$ 1,900
682 Foundry Street	TE-30	$ 600
4 Old Foundry Street	TE-31	$ 5,700
1 Old Foundry Street	TE-32	$ 1,300
661 Foundry Street	TE-33	$ 2,500
668 Foundry Street	TE-34	$ 200
659 Foundry Street	TE-35 & D-6	$ 2,000
657 Foundry Street	TE-36	$ 2,500
655 Foundry Street	TE-37	$ 3,200
653 Foundry Street	TE-38 & D-7	$ 2,900
651 Foundry Street	TE-39	$ 4,200
656 Foundry Street	TE-40	$ 600
649 Foundry Street	TE-41	$ 1,800
647 Foundry Street	TE-42	$ 4,700
645 Foundry Street	TE-43	$ 3,600
650 Foundry Street	TE-44	$ 800
641 Foundry Street	TE-45	$ 2,600
5 Benjamin Drive	TE-46	$ 400
646 Foundry Street	TE-47	$ 1,000
635 Foundry Street	TE-48	$ 300
642 Foundry Street	TE-49	$ 300
638 Foundry Street	TE-50	$ 1,200
634 Foundry Street	TE-51	$ 2,500
91 Highland Street	TE-52 & SW-1	$ 15,000
95 Highland Street	SW-2	$ 3,400
627 Foundry Street	SW-3	$ 12,600
622 Foundry Street	TE-53 & SW-4	$ 7,800
8 Norton Avenue	D-8	$ 6,000

NOTE: TE- denotes temporary construction easement
D – denotes permanent drainage easement
SW – denotes permanent sidewalk easement

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by DPW Director

ARTICLE 7. HAEDERLE (ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS TO FACILITATE FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 123) RECONSTRUCTION) moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, temporary and permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of Foundry Street (Route 123) from the parcels as listed in your warrant, and further that a total of $163,800 is appropriated by transfer from Chapter 90 funds to pay for said acquisitions with each parcel to be acquired having a value as listed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
These temporary and permanent easements are needed to facilitate the widening and reconstruction of Foundry Street, from the Norton town line northerly to approximately Highland Street.

Vote required to pass:	Two-thirds
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 7 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. AMEND FY 2006 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2006 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from available Community Preservation Funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 8. LESS (AMEND FY 2006 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET) moved that the Town vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2006 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from available Community Preservation Funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year.

EXPLANATION:
This article amends the current year's budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Patricia Hunt, Chair of the CPA Committee, would like to make a presentation to Town Meeting to further explain this article.

Vote required to pass:	Simple majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 8 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 9. APPROPRIATION OF CPA FUNDS FOR UNITY CHURCH PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $380,000 by transfer from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding a historic preservation project with Unity Church, located at 9 Main Street, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 9. KING (APPROPRIATION OF CPA FUNDS FOR UNITY CHURCH PROJECT) moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $380,000 by transfer from available Community Preservation historic preservation reserves for the purpose of funding a grant for the restoration of the exterior of the building known as the Unity Church, located at 13 Main Street, in North Easton Massachusetts, subject to the receipt by the Town of Easton Historical Commission from the record owners of such property of a historic preservation restriction and easement for public access regarding such property to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of the Town of Easton, in such form as the Town of Easton Historical Commission and Community Preservation Committee shall determine.

EXPLANATION:
This project would be funded from the Historic Preservation reserves of the CPA Committee. Ellen Dehm, Chair of the Unity Church Restoration Committee, will make a presentation in support of this project, which is recommended by the CPA Committee.

Vote required to pass:	2/3 Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 9 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. REPORT AND FY 2007 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION.COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 10. COHEN (REPORT AND FY 2007 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE) moved that the Town vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year.

EXPLANATION:
This article proposes the fiscal 2007 budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Patricia Hunt, Chair of the CPA Committee, would like to make a presentation to Town Meeting to further explain this article.

Vote required to pass:	Simple majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 10 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the amount of $4,000 to fund a contract for FY 2007 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. CORONA (APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES) moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash, the amount of $4,000 to fund a contract for FY 2007 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract.

EXPLANATION
We have, for many years, appropriated funds for this purpose, and propose that we continue to make these essential services available in the community.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 11 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 12. APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the state pursuant to Chapter 291C of the Acts of 2004 the sum of $414,553.00 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12. HAEDERLE (APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS) moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the state pursuant to Chapter 291C of the Acts of 2004 the sum of $414,553.00 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds.

EXPLANATION:
These are the so-called Chapter 90 funds provided by the state for road related improvements in the community.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 12 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 13. ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS IN LIEU OF TAXES

To see if the Town will accept the following parcel(s) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C:

Map & Parcel	Location	Assessment	Tax Owed
Map 10R-38C	68 Beaver Dam Road	$ 18,400	$17,249.01
Map 10R-175	6 Excaliber Lane	$ 189,500	$13,424.82

and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer by deed the care custody and control of said property to the Conservation Commission to be held pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 13. LESS (ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS IN LIEU OF TAXES) moved that the Town vote to accept the parcels listed in your warrant pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer by deed the care, custody and control of said property to the Conservation Commission to be held pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C.

EXPLANATION:
These properties are proposed to be donated to the Conservation Commission, but since taxes are owed on them, a vote of town meeting is required.

Vote required to pass:	2/3 Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Not Recommend

ARTICLE 13 ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE.

ARTICLE 14. REZONING OF TOWN-OWNED LAND

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2005 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties, owned by the Town of Easton, as follows:

From Residential to Municipal and Open Space.

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
41U/095	10 Caroline Road	.09 acres	13575/140
41U/103	11 Caroline Road	2.06 acres	13575/128
41U/099	26 Caroline Road	1.15 acres	13575/131
41U/102	27 Caroline Road	1.16 acres	13575/137
41U/101	31 Caroline Road	1.38 acres	13575/134
19R-240	19R Josie's Way	21,619 sq. ft.	14351/053
19R-241	19R Josie's Way	17,242 sq. ft.	14351/053
U31-104	243 Sheridan Street	3.13 acres	14238/267
R03-002	33 Bay Road	13.2 acres	15388/068
R21-004	130 Dean Street	40.95 acres	15467/292

From Industrial to Municipal and Open Space

R09-177	33 Hancock Street	9.66 acres	15041/081
R09-176	10 Shannonmarie Way	3.49 Acres	15041/087

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article, or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14. KING (REZONING OF TOWN-OWNED LAND) moved that the Town vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2005 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the properties listed in your warrant from

Residential or Industrial, as applicable, to Municipal and Open Space, all as set forth in your warrant, and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article.

EXPLANATION:
These properties are owned by the Town, so should be changed to the zoning designation affiliated with town-owned land.

Vote required to pass: Two-thirds
Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommend

ARTICLE 14 ACTION: TABLED. (TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE CONTINUED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON JUNE 12TH.)

ARTICLE 15. DELETE SECTION 4-7 OF THE ZONING BY-LAW
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically Section IV Interpretation & Application therein, by deleting sub-section 4-7 in its entirety and re-numbering subsequent sub-sections accordingly, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 15. COHEN (DELETE SECTION 4-7 OF THE ZONING BY-LAW) moved that Article 15 be dismissed.

EXPLANATION:
Information presented during public hearings regarding this proposal suggests that Section 4-7 should be re-written, not deleted.

Vote required to pass: Simple majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 15 ACTION: DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 16. AMEND PRIOR TOWN MEETING VOTE RE: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR INCREASED FUEL COSTS
To see if the Town will vote to amend their vote under Article 17 of the September 26, 2005 Special Town Meeting, which vote appropriated $75,000 for increased fuel costs for vehicle and heating fuels, to allow said funds to be utilized also for increased electrical costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. CORONA (AMEND PRIOR TOWN MEETING VOTE RE: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR INCREASED FUEL COSTS) moved that the Town vote to amend its vote under Article 17 of the September 26, 2005 Special Town Meeting, which vote appropriated $75,000 for increased fuel costs for vehicle and heating fuels, to allow said funds to be utilized also for increased electrical costs.

EXPLANATION:
Due to the mild winter, to date we have expended just $8,071 from the $75,000 appropriated. However, electrical costs, particularly in the school buildings that are being expanded, have risen dramatically. This article would allow us to use already appropriated funds to pay for the increased electrical costs.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 16 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 17. AMEND SECTION VII OF THE ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to amend Section 7-11 Flood Plain by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

7-11. FLOOD PLAIN

The purpose of the Flood Plain is to preserve and protect streams, brooks, ponds, lakes, and other water courses and their adjoining lands within the Town; to protect the health and safety of persons and property against the hazards of flooding; to preserve the natural flood control characteristics, and the flood storage capacity of the flood plain, and to preserve and maintain the ground water table and water recharge areas within the flood plain; to protect the community against the detrimental use and the development of lands adjoining such water courses and to conserve the watershed areas of the Town for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

A) District Delineation: The general boundaries of the Flood Plain District are shown on the Easton Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated August 9, 2000, as Zones A, A1-30 to indicate the 100-year flood plain. The exact boundaries of the District are defined by the 100-year floodwater surface elevations as shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Profiles contained in the Flood Insurance Study dated August 9, 2000. The Floodway boundaries are delineated on the Easton Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated August 9, 2000 and further defined by the Floodway Data Tables contained in the Flood Insurance Study. These maps, as well as, the accompanying Study are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Planning & Zoning Board.

B) Permitted Uses: See Table of Use Regulations, Section V, 5-3.

C) Use Regulations

1. The Flood Plain District is established as an overlay district to all other Districts and these overlain districts shall be subject to all requirements of the Flood Plain District. All developments in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in conformance with Article 227 Town of Easton By Law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

   Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses flood plain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 3107.0 "Flood Resistant Construction");

   Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 13.00);

   Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 302 CMR 6.00);

   Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

2. Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

3. No encroachment, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other developments within the regulatory floodway will be allowed unless it has been demonstrated through hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in an increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge, as per Section 60.3 (d) (3) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations.

4. Within Zone A at any location where the 100 year flood elevation is not shown on the FIRM, the Planning & Zoning Board, may utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from Federal, State, or other official sources as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements or other development within Zone A meet 44 CFR 60.

5. Within Zone A at any location where the 100 year base flood elevation is not specifically delineated on the FIRM and no base flood elevations and floodway data is available from Federal, State, or other official sources, the base flood elevation shall be developed by a Registered Professional Engineer, assuming 7 inches of rain falling on the watershed area over a 24-hour period.

6. Base flood elevation data shall be required for all new subdivisions and other proposed development (including for manufactured home parks and subdivisions), as per Section 60.3 (b) (3) of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations. Should all areas of the site be above the base flood elevations, it should be so noted on the plans.

7. In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector shall notify adjacent communities , the National Flood Insurance Program State Coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the National Flood Insurance Program Specialist at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit copies of such notifications to the Coordinating Agency Administrator, as per Section 60.3 (b) (6) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and Flood Hazard Management Program Model By Laws for Floodplain Districts, Article III Notification of Watercourse Alteration.

8. Floodway Data. In Zones A, A1-30, and AE, along with watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

9. Base Flood Elevation Data. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

D. Exceptions: The following exceptions are specifically exempted from Paragraph 7-11:

1. All residential, commercial, business, educational and municipal buildings and those portions only of their lots therefore needed for such repair, rebuilding, modifications, or enlargement thereof;
    a. existing in the Flood Plain District as of March 7, 1973 or
    b. for which building permits have been issued prior to March 7, 1973.
2. All buildings referred to above may be repaired, rebuilt, modified or enlarged, including but not limited to, the addition of garages or living space and construction of appurtenant use of the building together with such filing, diking, and/or as may be necessary for the protection of said structures from flooding consistent with all other laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to this Zoning By Law. It should be noted that exceptions to the By Laws do not constitute exceptions to appropriate state regulations.
3. The above exceptions do not apply to the requirements of Paragraph C3.

E. Prohibited Uses: Dumping, filling, excavating or transferring of any material which will reduce the natural storage capacity of the land, interfere with the patterns of any watercourses or degrade the quality of surface or ground water within this District is prohibited, except as provided in paragraph (B) herein and activities that are incidental to flood or mosquito control work performed by and under the direction of an authorized government agency or activities incidental to the agricultural uses described in Section V, 5-3.

F. If any land within the Flood Plain District is found by the Board of Appeals not to be subject to seasonal or periodic flooding and unsuitable drainage conditions, the Board of Appeals, may, after a public hearing with due notice, approve the use of such land and for the construction and erection of a building or structure for any purpose permitted in the underlying District, subject, however, to any other applicable provision of the Zoning By Law. Prior to the required public hearing, the Board of Appeals shall refer the case to the Planning & Zoning Board, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission for their review and report. Such report must be issued within 45 days of receipt of the question. Failure to respond by any such Board or Commission within the said 45 day limit will be deemed an approval of any Board or Commission.

Or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board

ARTICLE 17. HAEDERLE (AMEND SECTION VII OF THE ZONING BY-LAW) moved that the Town vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to amend Section 7-11 Flood Plain by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the language as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
These changes are being put forward to ensure full compliance with state and federal flood plain requirements, and were developed by town staff in conjunction with the manager of the state's Flood Hazard Management Program.

Vote required to pass:	2/3 Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	No Action

ARTICLE 17 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 18. AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF TOWN CODE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 11 – Contracts and Purchasing – therein by adding new §§ 11-3 and 11-4 to read as follows:

§ 11-3. Requirement for Written Contracts
Written contracts shall be required for all purchases of supplies and services in amounts of $5,000 or more.
§ 11-4. Awarding Authority
Consistent with § C4-2.(k) of the Town Charter, the Town Administrator shall be the awarding authority for purchases in amounts less than $25,000 and shall execute said contracts on behalf of the Town. For purchases of $25,000 or more, the Board of Selectmen shall be the awarding authority and shall execute said contracts.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 18. LESS (AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF TOWN CODE) moved that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 11 – Contracts and Purchasing – therein by adding new §§ 11-3 and 11-4 to read as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
Presently, there is a lack of clarity within local by-laws as to when a contract is required and as to who has the authority to legally bind the town in a contractual arrangement. These proposed changes serve to resolve both issues.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 18 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF TOWN CODE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 6 therein, to modify the Capital Planning Process, as follows:

(1) By amending the last sentence of § 6-3.E. and adding a new sentence at the end thereof , both to read as follows: "Further, projects, acquisitions and other expenditures from the Community Preservation Act fund and acquisitions pursuant to MGL Chapter 61 shall not be subject to the Capital Planning Process. However, the CPA Committee and/or other proponent of such expenditures are encouraged to present their projects to the Capital Planning Committee to facilitate coordination of efforts, as may be applicable.

(2) By deleting § 6-4.B. in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "No Capital projects, programs, improvements or acquisitions, as defined in this Chapter, shall be funded unless the item is included in the Capital Budget for the then-current year or is determined by the Board of Selectmen (which determination shall be conclusive) that such project, program, improvement or acquisition was unforeseen at the time the Capital Budget for the then-current year was prepared and that delaying the funding of such project, program, improvement or acquisition until the preparation of the next Capital Budget would

not be in the best interests of the Town. This shall not preclude the funding of citizens' petitions for bonded items, subject to Town Meeting approval."

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 19. KING (AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF TOWN CODE) moved to dismiss Article 19.

EXPLANATION:
An error was identified in the wording of the warrant article. These amendments will be presented at an upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee:
Capital Planning Committee: Recommend

ARTICLE 19 ACTION: DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 20. AMEND CHAPTER 215 OF THE TOWN CODE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 215 of the Code of the Town of Easton to eliminate inconsistencies with respect to the number of Class II licenses available, as follows:

(1) By amending § 215-2 to read as follows: "A Class II license shall be as defined in MGL c. 140 § 58 and may be issued to any person whose principal business is the buying or selling of secondhand motor vehicles who falls within the limit of 25 licenses to be issued by the licensing authority of the Town of Easton on an annual basis."

(2) By amending § 215-4.A. to read as follows: "The total number of Class II licenses available shall be 25. (See Article I, § 215-1 of this Chapter)."

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20. COHEN (AMEND CHAPTER 215 OF THE TOWN CODE) moved that the Town vote to amend Chapter 215 of the Code of the Town of Easton to eliminate inconsistencies with respect to the number of Class II licenses available, as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
There are inconsistencies within this Chapter of the Town Code. Some sections refer to 25 Class II (used car sales) licenses being available and some sections refer to 20 licenses. Research reveals that 25 is the correct number, so changes to the other sections is requested.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen: Recommend

Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 20 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 21. FUNDING FOR UPDATE TO OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, a sum of money to for preparation of an update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the current plan being scheduled to expire in December, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 21. CORONA (FUNDING FOR UPDATE TO OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN) moved that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from the Conservation Fund the sum of $10,000 for preparation of an update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the current plan being scheduled to expire in December, 2006.

EXPLANATION:
The Open Space and Recreation Plan is required for eligibility for several state grant programs and must be updated every 5 years. This appropriation would fund the necessary update.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommend

ARTICLE 21 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 22. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF 3 YEARS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, if it deems it to be in the Town's best interest, to enter into a contract for up to 5 years for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal, subject to annual appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22. HAEDERLE (AUTHORIZE CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF 3 YEARS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION) moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, if it deems it to be in the Town's best interest, to enter into a contract for up to 5 years for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal, subject to annual appropriation.

EXPLANATION:
Under state law, a town meeting vote is required to authorize a contract for a period greater than 3 years. Research and extensive work with DEP representatives has revealed that contracts for solid waste collection are likely to be bid more favorably if they cover a time frame of up to 5 years.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 22 ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 23. CREATE ENTERPRISE FUND FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 4, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, establishing a Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Program as an enterprise fund effective FY 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23. LESS (CREATE ENTERPRISE FUND FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM) moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, allowing the establishment of a Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Program as an enterprise fund effective FY 2007.

EXPLANATION:
This vote is also intended to help generate favorable bids for solid waste collection for the town. The committee working on this issue has concluded that prices are likely to be more cost effective if the vendor can bill the town, rather than having to bill each customer. The town would then bill the customers. By funding this through an enterprise fund, we ensure that all revenues and expenditures are directly attributable to the collection and disposal program.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 23 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 24. ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 18 OF MGL CHAPTER 32B

To see if the Town will vote to accept the terms of § 18 of MGL Chapter 32B, which section provides that the Town require retirees who are eligible for Medicare to switch to one of the Town's Medicare supplement insurance programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 24. KING (ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 18 OF MGL CHAPTER 32B) moved that the Town vote to accept the terms of § 18 of MGL Chapter 32B, which section provides that the Town require retirees who are eligible for Medicare to switch to one of the Town's Medicare supplement insurance programs.

EXPLANATION:
This article would allow the town to require that retirees switch to Medicare upon eligibility. This switch is most cost effective for the retiree and the town. The town presently offers two supplemental insurance programs for Medicare-eligible retirees, and will soon be adding a third program to ensure that our retirees have ample choices to suit their individual needs.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 24 ACTION: DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 25. AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file the following Special Legislation with the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives:

An Act Relative to Elected Officials in and Relative to the Group Insurance Program of the Town of Easton.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, any elected official in the Town of Easton who receives a stipend shall not be eligible for participation in the town's contributory health (medical and dental) and life insurance plans. However, officials elected prior to May 1, 2006 who currently participate in such plan(s) shall be eligible to continue participation until the end of their current terms at the same rate of contribution as non-union employees. Further, elected officials who receive a stipend shall remain eligible to participate in the plans, but shall be required to pay 100 percent of the cost of such participation plus any administrative costs that may be assessed by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 25. COHEN (AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION)
moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file Special Legislation with the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
Under state law, elected officials who receive a stipend are eligible to participate in the town's health care program with the town contributing to the cost of their participation. This legislation, if passed, would allow eligible elected officials to continue under the current program through the end of their current term. As each term expires, and for future elected officials, they can participate in the town's health care program but only if they pay 100% of the cost.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 25 ACTION: *Deputy Moderator Michael Sites took over the podium during discussion of Article 25 as Moderator Dailey wished to address Town Meeting on this issue. During the lengthy discussion, there was an amendment to strike the words "until after their current term." During discussion on the amendment there was a motion to call the question. As there were others wishing to speak, it was then VOTED to close debate. The amendment was NOT A VOTE. Another motion to call the question on the main motion was made and as others wished to speak, another call to close debate was VOTED. Another speaker wanted to be recognized and was ruled out of order by the Deputy Moderator.* ***MAIN MOTION - OPPOSED 42; IN FAVOR CLEARLY A MAJORITY DECLARED BY MODERATOR.. VOTE CARRIES.***

A MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 25 WAS NOT A VOTE *after a brief discussion.*

ARTICLE 26. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION
To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Board of Selectmen, each member	$1,800
Board of Health, each member	$1,000
Board of Assessors, each member	$1,800
Moderator	$ 100

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 26. CORONA (ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION) moved that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend (unless Article 25 fails, in which case: Not Recommended)

ARTICLE 26 ACTION: *Moderator Dailey took the podium again.*
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 27. FY 2007 OPERATING BUDGET
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto.
(See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting).

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 27. HAEDERLE (FY 2007 OPERATING BUDGET) moved that the Town appropriate the sum of $52,938,608 of which $48,898,562 shall be raised by taxation, $806,501 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, $98,135 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $65,000 shall be transferred from the Conservation Commission Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account, $40,000 shall be transferred from the Board of Health Food Inspection Services/Education Account, $40,000 shall be transferred from the Planning Board Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account and $2,990,410 shall be transferred from water receipts, all to meet the Town charges, including salaries and expenses for the fiscal year 2007 as follows:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	TOTAL
01-003	SELECTMEN	227,353
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	150,000
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,000
01-013	RESERVE FUND	20,000
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	161,449
01-029	ASSESSORS	201,619
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	259,412
01-039	TOWN CLERK	231,973

01-051	DATA PROCESSING	219,477
01-101	POLICE	3,093,288
01-103	FIRE	2,310,884
01-104	AMBULANCE	359,097
01-105	FIRE ALARM	13,792
01-110	LAND USE & PERMITTING	507,442
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	465,710
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,284,598
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	212,333
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	93,524
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	209,759
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	0
01-625	LIBRARY	390,879
01-700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	4,069,954
01-750	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	9,148,032
01-760	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	103,875
61-500	WATER DIVISION	2,442,657
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	25,758,501
	TOTAL FY 2007 BUDGET	$ 52,938,608

EXPLANATION:
This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation regarding this proposal.

Vote required to pass: Two-thirds
Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Not Recommended (additional budget cuts to be proposed)

ARTICLE 27 ACTION: *Moderator Dailey explained prior to the reading of the budget line items that if anyone wanted to discuss a line item to place a hold after the number is read. Upon completion of the reading, any unheld items will be voted in the aggregate first, and then discussion of the held items will be taken. The following line items were held: 01-225 Southeastern Regional School District $465,710; 01-625 Library $390,879; School Department $25,758,501. The non-held line items were then VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Discussion on held items:

01-225 Southestern Regional School $465,710. Jerome Burke, Assistant Superintendent of the Regional School addressed Town Meeting. He gave a brief presentation on various issues regarding the school and it's budget, and invited town residents to come to the Open House to be held on October 21, 2006. Patrick Meagher also addressed Town Meeting and stated that the State minimum required is $559,567 and the school is requesting an additional $7,284 for a total of $566,851. It was moved that the Town

approve the budget amount of $566,851. There was a motion to close debate which was VOTED. The amendment of $566,851 was NOT A VOTE. It was stated by Corona that the reduced amount is not a protest vote against the school, but against the formula. ***MAIN MOTION OF $465,710 WAS VOTED.***

01-625 Library$390,879 and School Department $25,859.501. The Finance Committee moved to reduce the Library by $52,580 to $338,299 and the School Department by $78,870 to $25,679,631, for a total reduction of $131,450. NOT A VOTE.

MAIN MOTION, (SEE ABOVE) FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF $52,938,608 – UNANIMOUS VOTE.

At 10:47 p.m. there was then a MOTION to ADJOURN the Annual Town Meeting to 7:00 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium on June 12, 2006. ***VOTED TO ADJOURN.***

Total voters present this evening – 381.

A true record. Attest: ***Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC,*** *Town Clerk*

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006 was duly adjourned to

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

In the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 28-53, inclusive

And any all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2006
Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. with quorum present. The following counters were duly sworn: Barry DunKley, Elliott Slom, Greg Wolffe, Christine Santoro, Ruthanne Unick, Melody DeWare, John Marcus, Lori Prew.

Article 14 which was tabled at the meeting on May 15th was taken up at this time.

ARTICLE 14. REZONING OF TOWN-OWNED LAND

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2005 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties, owned by the Town of Easton, as follows:

From Residential to Municipal and Open Space.

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
41U/095	10 Caroline Road	.09 acres	13575/140
41U/103	11 Caroline Road	2.06 acres	13575/128
41U/099	26 Caroline Road	1.15 acres	13575/131
41U/102	27 Caroline Road	1.16 acres	13575/137
41U/101	31 Caroline Road	1.38 acres	13575/134
19R-240	19R Josie's Way	21,619 sq. ft.	14351/053
19R-241	19R Josie's Way	17,242 sq. ft.	14351/053
U31-104	243 Sheridan Street	3.13 acres	14238/267
R03-002	33 Bay Road	13.2 acres	15388/068
R21-004	130 Dean Street	40.95 acres	15467/292
From Industrial to Municipal and Open Space			
R09-177	33 Hancock Street	9.66 acres	15041/081
R09-176	10 Shannonmarie Way	3.49 Acres	15041/087

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article, or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14. CORONA REZONING OF TOWN-OWNED LAND moved that the Town vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2005 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the properties listed in your warrant with the exception of the properties at 33 Bay Road and 130 Dean Street said rezoning being from Residential or Industrial, as applicable, to Municipal and Open Space, all as set forth in your warrant, and further to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article.

EXPLANATION:
These properties are owned by the Town, so should be changed to the zoning designation affiliated with town-owned land. The legal advertisement for the rezoning inadvertently omitted the Bay Road and Dean Street lands, so they will be presented for rezoning at a later date.

Vote required to pass: Two-thirds

Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommend

ARTICLE 14 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 28. FY 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for Fiscal Year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

(See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting)

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

ARTICLE 28 ARTICLE 28. HAEDERLE FY 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,559,000 and that to meet this appropriation, $355,000 shall be transferred from overlay surplus, $237,000 shall be transferred from water surplus, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $367,000 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $600,000 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 with the intent that although any bonds or notes issued hereunder shall be general obligations of the Town, the debt service on any such bonds or notes will be paid from water revenues, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out these projects for the purposes listed below:

School:		
	Electrical updates at Center School, Parkview School and Moreau Hall	$462,000
	Textbook Replacement	$25,000
DPW:		
	Replace Catch Basin Truck	$185,000
	Roadway Repairs to Lothrop Street	$50,000
Water Division:		
	Well #3 Redevelopment	$25,000
	Replace Utility Truck	$32,000
	Replace Hydraulic Service Truck	$80,000
	Pilot Testing for Treatment Plant at Wells 3,5 & 7	$100,000
	Repaint Water Tank	$600,000
		$1,559,000

EXPLANATION: The capital expenditures recommended for funding by the Capital Planning Committee for fiscal year 2007 total approximately $3.4 million, far in excess of our funding capacity. The items requested for funding this evening reflect a pared-down version of

those priorities balanced with the reality of severely limited available funds. Our continued inability to adequately fund our capital needs only defers those needs, and in many cases will ultimately increase the cost to taxpayers and/or result in emergency situations. We hope to submit additional requests for capital funding at a subsequent Special Town Meeting, depending upon the availability of funds.

Vote required to pass:	Two-thirds
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 28 ACTION: *The Finance Committee AMENDED the motion to appropriate the sum of $1,509,000 and to meet this appropriation, $305,000 shall be transferred from overlay surplus $237,000 shall be transferred from water surplus, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $367,000 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, and further that the Treasurer, with the approval Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $600,000 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 with the intent that although any bonds or notes issued hereunder shall be general obligations of the Town, the debt service on any such bonds or notes will be paid from water revenues, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out these projects for the purposes listed below:*

School:		
	Electrical updates at Center School, Parkview School and Moreau Hall	*$462,000*
	Textbook Replacement	*$25,000*
DPW:		
	Replace Catch Basin Truck	*$185,000*
Water Division:		
	Well #3 Redevelopment	*$25,000*
	Replace Utility Truck	*$32,000*
	Replace Hydraulic Service Truck	*$80,000*
	Pilot Testing for Treatment Plant at Wells 3,5 & 7	*$100,000*
	Repaint Water Tank	*$600,000*
		$1,509,000

AMENDMENT-VOTED. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED – UNANIMOUS VOTE.

It was moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium until after the Special Town Meeting is concluded. VOTED.

At 8:04 p.m. the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was reconvened.

ARTICLE 29. ALTERNATIVE FY 2007 OPERATING BUDGET IF OVERRIDE IS SUCCESSFUL

In the event that the Town has voted favorably on the Proposition 2 ½ Override at the June 6, 2006 election, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, said appropriations being made in place of those voted under Article 27, or take any other action relative thereto.
(See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting).

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 29. CORONA (ALTERNATIVE FY 2007 OPERATING BUDGET IF OVERRIDE IS SUCCESSFUL) moved that the Town appropriate the sum of $55,032,107 of which $51,798,562 shall be raised by taxation, $98,135 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $65,000 shall be transferred from the Conservation Commission Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account, $40,000 shall be transferred from the Board of Health Food Inspection Services/ Education Account, $40,000 shall be transferred from the Planning Board Subdivision Review and Inspection Fees Account and $2,990,410 shall be transferred from water receipts, all to meet the Town charges, including salaries and expenses for the fiscal year 2007 as follows, with said appropriations being made in place of those voted under Article 27:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	TOTAL
01-003	SELECTMEN	233,353
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	200,000
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,000
01-013	RESERVE FUND	25,000
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	161,449
01-029	ASSESSORS	201,619
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	259,412
01-039	TOWN CLERK	231,973
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	219,477
01-101	POLICE	3,250,658
01-103	FIRE	2,501,943
01-104	AMBULANCE	359,097
01-105	FIRE ALARM	21,792
01-110	LAND USE & PERMITTING	507,442
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	465,710
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,438,598

01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	212,333
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	176,286
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	209,759
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	91,411
01-625	LIBRARY	390,879
01-700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	4,069,954
01-750	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	9,252,220
01-760	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	103,875
61-500	WATER DIVISION	2,442,657
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	27,002,210
	TOTAL FY 2007 BUDGET	55,032,107

EXPLANATION:
This is the revised annual operating budget proposed for funding given the passage of the Proposition 2 ½ override.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: Recommend

ARTICLE 29 ACTION: *All unheld line items were VOTED. There were two held items - 01-007 Town Counsel and 01-750 Employee Benefits and Insurance which were both voted as read.* ***THE MAIN MOTION WAS VOTED.*** *A motion to Reconsider Article 29 was NOT A VOTE.*

ARTICLE 30. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30. COHEN (TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO STABILIZATION FUND) moved that the Town vote to transfer from taxation the sum of $500,000 to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

EXPLANATION:
These funds were raised as part of the successful Proposition 2 ½ override. The intent is to place these funds in reserve, such that we are not spending all new funds in the first year and they can be drawn upon in future years to help extend the useful life of the override.

Vote required to pass: Two-thirds
Selectmen:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 30 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 31. STREET ACCEPTANCE – ACORN ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way subject to the town's receipt of a satisfactory as built plan, as well as installation of concrete bounds and fire alarm box per plan, ACORN ROAD as a public way from Station to Station as shown on a plan entitled Overall Lotting Plan Lone Oak Farms Drafted by Coler and Colantonio 45 Eastman St., S. Easton, MA, dated 6-15-2000, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on 7-23-01 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 401, Pages 27, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 31. CORONA (STREET ACCEPTANCE – ACORN ROAD) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way, ACORN ROAD, as a public way from Station to Station as shown on a plan entitled Overall Lotting Plan Lone Oak Farms Drafted by Coler and Colantonio 45 Eastman St., S. Easton, MA, dated 6-15-2000, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on 7-23-01 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 401, Pages 27.

EXPLANATION:
This Petition for street acceptance has been withdrawn.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 31 ACTION: DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 32. STREET ACCEPTANCE – SCARLET COURT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way subject to the town's receipt of a satisfactory as built plan, as well as installation of concrete bounds and fire alarm box per plan, SCARLET COURT (Formerly Quercus Rd.) as a public way from Station to Station as shown on a plan entitled Overall Lotting Plan Lone Oak Farms, Drafted by Coler and Colantonio, 45 Eastman Street, S. Easton, MA, dated 6-15-2000, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 7-23-01 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 401, Pages 27, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 32. HAEDERLE (STREET ACCEPTANCE – SCARLET COURT) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way, SCARLET COURT, (Formerly Quercus Rd.) as a public way from Station to Station as shown on a plan entitled Overall Lotting Plan Lone Oak Farms, Drafted by Coler and Colantonio, 45 Eastman Street, S. Easton, MA, dated 6-15-2000, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 7-23-01 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 401, Pages 27.

EXPLANATION:
This petition for street acceptance has been withdrawn.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 32 ACTION: DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 33. STREET ACCEPTANCE – CINNAMON CIRCLE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, CINNAMON CIRCLE, as a public way from Station 0+00 to Station 12+85.95 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Cinnamon Ridge Estates Definitive Open Space Subdivision In Easton, Massachusetts," drafted by Outback Engineering, Inc., dated August 10, 2000 as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on 2/28/2001 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 396, Pages 49 through 59 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 33. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – CINNAMON CIRCLE) moved that the Town vote to accept the following street or way, CINNAMON CIRCLE, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 12+87.95 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Cinnamon Ridge Estates Definitive Open Space Subdivision In Easton, Massachusetts," drafted by Outback Engineering, Inc., dated August 10, 2000 and revised through February 9, 2001, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on February 28, 2001 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 396, Pages 49 through 59 containing 41,670 square feet, all as shown on the entitled "Cinnamon Ridge Estates Definitive Open Space Subdivision in Easton, Massachusetts," and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to MGL, c. 40, 3 and 14, for a drainage easement located on Parcel A by Cinnamon Circle and Lot 7, containing 68,827 square feet; a drainage easement on Parcel A by Cinnamon Circle and Turnpike Street, containing 73,005 square feet; as shown on the entitled "Cinnamon Ridge Estates Definitive Open Space Subdivision in Easton, Massachusetts," and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way, or take any other action relative thereto.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 33 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 34. STREET ACCEPTANCE – KEVIN'S WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, KEVIN'S WAY, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 28+36.38 as shown on a plan of land entitled " Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated July 2, 1993, recorded in Plan Book 337, Pages 13-18; as approved by the Board of Appeals as a Comprehensive Permit on July 14, 1993 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 5642, Pages 301 through 306, containing 162,014 square feet, all as shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision in Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John Keach," and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, for a drainage easement near Station 4+40, containing 991 square feet; a drainage easement near Station 10+10, containing 1000 square feet; a drainage easement near Station 14+46, containing 1000 square feet; a drainage easement near Station 19+83, containing 1000 square feet; a drainage easement near Station 22+87, containing 1000 square feet; a drainage easement near Parcel 38/39 (southwesterly side Kevin's Way and northeasterly side of Kristen's Way), containing 1366 square feet; a drainage easement near Parcel 41/42 (southwesterly side of Kevin's Way and the northeasterly side of Kristen's Way), containing 2091 square feet, all shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 34. HAEDERLE (STREET ACCEPTANCE – KEVIN'S WAY) moved that the Town vote to accept KEVIN'S WAY as a public way and to authorize the Selectmen to accept easements and a deed of the fee interest in said way, all as printed in your warrant, as well as two easement deeds in addition to those printed in your warrant, specifically a drainage easement near Station 11+00 (Parcel 39) containing 1443 square feet, more or less, and a drainage easement near Station 26+35 (Parcel 69 and 70) containing 1000 square feet.

EXPLANATION:
The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a public way.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen: Recommended

Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 34 ACTION: YES 109, NO 166. NOT A VOTE.

A motion to RECONSIDER ARTICLE 34 was NOT A VOTE.

A motion to ADVANCE Articles 44 to 50 was a UNANIMOUS VOTE. See report in numerical order of Warrant.

ARTICLE 35. STREET ACCEPTANCE – KERRINMARIE CIRCLE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, KERRINMARIE CIRCLE, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 1+45.00 as shown on a plan of land entitled " Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc. dated July 2, 1993, recorded in Plan Book 337, Pages 13-18; as approved by the Board of Appeals as a Comprehensive Permit on July 14, 1993 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 5642, Pages 301 through 306, containing 12,631 square feet, all as shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, for a drainage easement on the northeasterly side of Kerrinmarie Circle, containing 1000 square feet, all shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned and Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 35. COHEN (STREET ACCEPTANCE – KERRINMARIE CIRCLE) moved that the Town vote to accept KERRINMARIE CIRCLE as a public way and to authorize the Selectmen to accept an easement and a deed of the fee interest in said way, all as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a public way.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLES 35, 36 AND 37 ACTION: *An Amendement to put off for six months was not allowed. A motion to TABLE was not accepted.* ***Motion to accept Articles***

35, 36 and 37 (Kerrinmarie Circle, Colleen Mary Way, Kristen's Way): 94 YES, 93 NO. MOTION CARRIES.

ARTICLE 36. STREET ACCEPTANCE – COLLEEN MARY WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, COLLEEN MARY WAY, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 4+61.00 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated July 2, 1993, recorded in Plan Book 337, Pages 13-18; as approved by the Board of Appeals as a Comprehensive Permit on July 14, 1993 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 5642, Page 301 through 306, containing 27,525 square feet, all as shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned & Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," and to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, to accept the deed of the fee interest in said way, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 36. CORONA (STREET ACCEPTANCE – COLLEEN MARY WAY) moved that the Town vote to accept COLLEEN MARY WAY as a public way and to authorize the Selectmen to accept a deed of the fee interest in said way, all as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a public way.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	
Finance Committee:	No Action

ARTICLE 36 ACTION: Voted - See Article 35

ARTICLE 37. STREET ACCEPTANCE - KRISTEN'S WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, KRISTEN'S WAY, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 9+07.77 as shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated July 2, 1993, recorded in Plan Book 337, Pages 13-18; approved by the Board of Appeals as a Comprehensive Permit on July 14, 1993 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 5642, Page 301 through 306, containing 27,525 square feet, all as shown on a plan entitled " Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By:

Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, for a drainage easement near Parcel 38/39 (southwesterly side of Kevin's Way and northeasterly side of Kristen's Way), containing 1366 square feet; a drainage easement near Parcel 41/42 (southwesterly side of Kevin's Way and the northeasterly side of Kristen's Way), containing 2091 square feet, all as shown on a plan entitled "Easton Country Estates A Residential Subdivision In Easton, MA Owned And Developed By: Matthew A. Welch and John A. Keach," and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §§ 3 and 14, to accept the deed of the fee interest in said way, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 37. HAEDERLE (STREET ACCEPTANCE - KRISTEN'S WAY) moved that the Town vote to accept KRISTEN'S WAY as a public way and to authorize the Selectmen to accept easements and a deed of the fee interest in said way, all as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a public way.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 37 ACTION: Voted – See Article 35

ARTICLE 38. STREET ACCEPTANCE – THEODORE CIRCLE

To se if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way THEODORE CIRCLE as a public way from Station 0+25 to Station 4+49.97 as shown on a plan of land entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" Drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. dated 8/23/95 Revised to 4/9/96, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 8/7/96 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 38. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – THEODORE CIRCLE) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way, THEODORE CIRCLE, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+25 to Station 4+49.97 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village," drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated August 23, 1995 and revised through April 9, 1996, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 7, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Pages 63 through 67, containing 26,987 square feet, more or less, all as shown on the entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, sections 3 and

14, for a drainage easement containing 17,616 square feet across Lot 1; and a utility easement containing 8,076 square feet across Lot 1 and Lot 2; which easements are shown and described on the entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village in Easton, MA" and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way, or take any other action relative thereto.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	No Action

ARTICLE 38 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 39. STREET ACCEPTANCE – EMILY DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way EMILY DRIVE as a public way from Station 4+00 to Station 4+61.67 as shown on a plan of land entitled Definitive Plan Set Emily Drive, Proposed Residential Development Drafted by Eamon J. Cox, P.E., dated 1/6/04 Revised 5/8/04, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 5/12/04 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 426, Pages 48-52, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 39. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – EMILY DRIVE) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way EMILY DRIVE as a public way pursuant to M.G.L.c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 4+61.67 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan Set Emily Drive, Proposed Residential Development," drafted by Eamon J. Cox, P.E., dated January 6, 2004 and revised through May 8, 2004, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on May 15, 2004 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 426, Pages 48 through 52, containing 28,735 square feet, all as shown on the "Definitive Plan Set Emily Drive, Proposed Residential Development," including a minor modification for the water line loop from Emily Drive to Charles Way, approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on November 2, 2005, shown on the plan entitled "Proposed Water Main Connection Through The Existing Charles Way / Emily Drive Utility Easement, Easton, Massachusetts," prepared by E.T. Engineering Enterprises, Inc., dated March 26, 2006, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, sections 3 and 14, for a drainage easement containing 15,347 square feet over Lot 4; the utility easement , containing 6,899 square feet over Parcel A, which easements are shown and described on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Easton, MA," dated January 17, 2005 (revised February 9, 2005 and February 15, 2005) and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Plan book 434, Page 4 and described on the plan entitled "Emily Drive Union Village Estates," prepared by Eamon Cox, P.E. and Norbert J. Fredettte, PLS, dated January 6, 2004 (and revised April 14, 2004) and recorded with

the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 426, Pages 48-52 and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L.c. 40, sections 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	No Action

ARTICLE 39 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 40. STREET ACCEPTANCE – CLARA HOWARD WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way CLARA HOWARD WAY as a public way from Station 0+00 to Station 27+70.47 as shown on a plan of land entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" Drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. dated 8/23/95 Revised to 4/9/96, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 8/7/96 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 40. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – CLARA HOWARD WAY) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way CLARA HOWARD WAY as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. ch..82, from Station 0+00 to Station 27+70.47 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village," drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. dated August 23, 1995 and revised through April 9, 1996, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 7, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, pages 63 through 67, containing 142,354 square feet, more or less, all as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L.c.40, sections 3 and 14, for a drainage easement containing 17,616 square feet, across Lot 1; a drainage easement containing 6,282 square feet, over Lot 4; a drainage easement containing 26,365 square feet, across Lot 5 and Lot 6; a utility easement containing 16,963 square feet, across Lot 6 & 7; a utility and drainage easement containing 12,468 square feet, across Lot 9; a drainage easement, containing 16,950 square feet, across Lot 12 and Lot 13; a drainage easement, containing 652 square feet, over Lot 17; a drainage easement containing 21,089 square feet, over Lot 19; a drainage easement, containing 1,890 square feet, over Lot 18; which easements are shown and described on the definitive subdivision plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village in Easton, MA," prepared by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated July 25, 1995 (and revised April 9, 1996) and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen

pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, sections 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 40 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 41. STREET ACCEPTANCE – CHARLES WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way CHARLES WAY as a public way from Station 0+25 to Station 2+42.9 as shown on a plan of land entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" Drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. dated 8/23/95 Revised to 4/9/96, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 8/7/96 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 41. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – CHARLES WAY) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way, CHARLES WAY, as a public way pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, from Station 0+25 to Station 2+42.9 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village", drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated August 23, 1995 and revised through April 9, 1996, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 7, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Pages 63 through 67, containing 16,668 square feet, more or less, all as shown on the entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, sections 3 and 14, for a drainage easement, containing 652 square feet over Lot 17; a utility easement containing 6,900 square feet over Parcel A, which easements are shown and described on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Easton, MA," dated January 17,2005 (revised February 9, 2005 and February 15, 2005) and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 434, Page 4 and on the definitive subdivision plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village" drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, inc., dated July 25, 1995 (and revised April 9, 1996) and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, sections 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen: Recommend
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 41 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 42. STREET ACCEPTANCE – BENSON CIRCLE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way BENSON CIRCLE as a public way from Station 0+25 to Station 3+10.04 as shown on a plan of land entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land "Union Village" Drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. dated 8/23/95 Revised to 4/9/96, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 8/7/96 and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 42. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – BENSON CIRCLE) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way BENSON CIRCLE, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c.82, from Station 0+25 to Station 3+10.04 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village", drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, dated August 23, 1995 and revised through April 9, 1996, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 7, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 31 2, Pages 63 through 67, containing 19,969 square feet, more or less, all as shown on the entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village," and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, sections 3 and 14, for a drainage and utility easement, containing 12,468 square feet, over Lot 9, which easement is shown and described on the definitive subdivision plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land Union Village," drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated July 25, 1995 (and revised April 9, 1996) and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 312, Pages 63-67 and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L.c.40, sections 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	No Action

ARTICLE 42 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 43. STREET ACCEPTANCE – ROOSEVELT CIRCLE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way ROOSEVELT CIRCLE as a public way from Station 0+00 to Station 4+50 as shown on a plan of land entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land of the "Continuum Care Park" in Easton, Massachusetts Drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. dated 5/3/93 Revised 6/14/93 and 6/24/93, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on 9/18/96 and

recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 357, Page 56, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 43. PETITIONER (STREET ACCEPTANCE – ROOSEVELT CIRCLE) moved that the Town vote to accept the following named street or way ROOSEVELT CIRCLE, as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. c.82, from Station 0+00 to Station 4+66.75 as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land of the Continuum Care Park" in Easton, Massachusetts drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated May 3,1993 and revised June 14, 1993, as approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on September 18, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 357, Page 56; containing 34,024 square feet, more or less, all as shown on the entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land of the Continuum Care Park" and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement deed, pursuant to M.G.L.c. 40, sections 3 and 14, for a twenty (20) foot wide utility easement across Lot 1 and land of Douglas A. King, containing 5,844 square feet; the northern access, utility and drainage easement, containing 53,328 square feet, over Lot 2 and Lot 3, and the southern access, utility, and drainage easement containing 43,383 square feet, over Lot 1 and land of Douglas A. King, Trustee, Villa Rosa Nominee Trust, which easements are shown and described on the "Easement Plan of Land in Easton, Massachusetts," prepared by K & K Associates / LAN-COM, Inc., dated May 21, 2004 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 425, Page 65 and on the entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land of the Continuum Care Park in Easton, Massachusetts," prepared by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated May 3, 1993 (and revised June 14, 1993 and June 24, 1993) and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 357, Page 56; not including the street lights which Queset on the Pond, LLC, owner of Lot 2 agrees to be responsible for the maintenance, repair and payment of the electric bills of such Roosevelt Circle lighting even following acceptance by the Town of Easton of Roosevelt Circle as a public road, and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L.c.40, sections 3 and 14, to accept the deed of a fee interest in said way.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee: No Action

ARTICLE 43 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 44. REDUCE INTEREST RATE FOR ELIGIBLE ELDERLY TAX DEFERRALS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 136, §1 of the acts of 2005, to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible

elderly applicants under M.G.L c.59 §5, Clause 41A from 8% to 3%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 44. COHEN (REDUCE INTEREST RATE FOR ELIGIBLE ELDERLY TAX DEFERRALS) moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 136, §1 of the acts of 2005, to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible elderly applicants under M.G.L c.59 §5, Clause 41A from 8% to 3%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

EXPLANATION:
Tax deferrals are an affordable option for elderly homeowners, allowing them to defer payment of their property taxes until such time as the property is sold or transferred. Reducing the interest rate for such payment deferral makes this program more attractive for eligible seniors without being detrimental to the town's financial situation.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 44 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 45. INCREASE IN INCOME LEVELS FOR ELIGIBLE ELDERLY TAX DEFERRALS

To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that elderly applicants may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under M.G.L. c.59, § 5, Clause 41A from $20,000 to $40,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 45. HAEDERLE (INCREASE IN INCOME LEVELS FOR ELIGIBLE ELDERLY TAX DEFERRALS) moved that the Town vote to increase the gross receipts that elderly applicants may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under M.G.L. c.59, § 5, Clause 41A from $20,000 to $40,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

EXPLANATION:
This change in income levels will make more elderly property owners eligible to qualify for the tax deferral program.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 45 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 46. REDUCTION IN AGE FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the age at which elderly applicants are eligible for the property tax exemption under M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41C from age 70 to any person age 65 or older, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 46. CORONA (REDUCTION IN AGE FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY) moved that the Town vote to reduce the age at which elderly applicants are eligible for the property tax exemption under M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41C from age 70 to any person age 65 or older.

EXPLANATION:
This is the first of several proposed changes to the tax exemption program for elderly property owners. The exemption program has eligibility guidelines with respect to the owner's age, income and assets, and each of the proposed changes eases the eligibility guidelines making more elderly property owners eligible for this program. This change would reduce the age of eligibility from 70 to 65.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 46 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 47. INCREASE INCOME LIMIT FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts limit that applies to elderly applicants under M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41C from $18,000 to $20,000 if single and from $25,000 to $30,000 if married. A co-owner who is not the applicant's spouse may not exceed the current gross receipts limit of $13,000 if single and $15,000 if married, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 47. LESS (INCREASE INCOME LIMIT FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY) moved that the Town Vote to increase the gross receipts limit that applies to elderly applicants under M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41C from $18,000 to $20,000 if single and from $25,000 to $30,000 if married. A co-owner who is not the applicant's spouse may not exceed the current gross receipts limit of $13,000 if single and $15,000 if married.

EXPLANATION:
This change in the elderly tax exemption program would increase the income limits, which have not been increased since 2003.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 47 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 48. INCREASE ESTATE LIMIT FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

To see if the Town will vote to increase the whole estate limit that applies to the elderly applicants under M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41C from $35,000 to $40,000 if single and from $45,000 to $55,000 if married. A co-owner who is not the applicant's spouse may not exceed the current whole estate limit of $28,000 if single and $30,000 if married, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 48. LESS (INCREASE ESTATE LIMIT FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY) moved that the Town vote to increase the whole estate limit that applies to the elderly applicants under M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41C from $35,000 to $40,000 if single and from $45,000 to $55,000 if married. A co-owner who is not the applicant's spouse may not exceed the current whole estate limit of $28,000 if single and $30,000 if married.

EXPLANATION:
This change in the elderly tax exemption program would increase the asset limits, which have not been increased since 2003.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 48 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 49. PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL INCREASE IN INCOME AND ESTATE LIMITS FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41D that increases annually the amounts of gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal, as set forth in clause 41C, to an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 49. COHEN (PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL INCREASE IN INCOME AND ESTATE LIMITS FOR ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY) moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c 59, §5, Clause 41D that increases annually the amounts of gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal, as set forth in clause 41C, to an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year.

EXPLANATION:
This proposal provides that the income and asset limits for eligibility in the elderly tax exemption program would increase annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Not Recommend

ARTICLE 49 ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 50. INCREASE AMOUNT OF ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION

To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of exemption granted to eligible elderly applicants under M.G.L c.59 §5, Clause 41C by 100%, from $500 to $1,000 (or from $4,000 to $8,000 in valuation if greater), or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 50. HAEDERLE (INCREASE AMOUNT OF ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION) moved that the Town vote to increase the amount of exemption granted to eligible elderly applicants under M.G.L c.59 §5, Clause 41C by 100%, from $500 to $1,000 (or from $4,000 to $8,000 in valuation if greater).

EXPLANATION:
This proposed change does not affect eligibility, but instead increases the amount of the exemption for eligible elderly from $500 to $1000.

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority

Selectmen: Recommended
Finance Committee Not Recommended

ARTICLE 50 ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 51. AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 59 of the Code of the Town of Easton – Personnel - with said amendments to be effective July 1, 2006, as follows:

(1) By amending § 59-7.B. to eliminate the mandate that salary levels and grade ranges be set at the 75th percentile, specifically, § 59-7.B.(2) shall be deleted in its entirety and subsequent paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly.

(2) By amending § 59-7.B.(9) by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "The HRB shall present to the Board of Selectmen, on an annual basis, a report of the salary plan containing a summary of the plan, salary ranges and any adjustments to ranges made that year, summary of any wage survey done, recommendation of guidelines to be used for the pay plan for the next fiscal year, and discussion of any of off cycle adjustments recommended and reason for adjustment."

(3) By amending § 59-10. by updating the definition of Department Head to eliminate Department Head positions that are now governed by Collective Bargaining Agreement, such that the listing of Department Heads within said definition shall read as follows: Collector/Treasurer, Director of Public Works, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Town Accountant.

(4) By amending § 59-10. by deleting the definition for Performance-Based Increase in its entirety.

(5) By amending § 59-15. by deleting the last sentence therein in its entirety.

(6) By amending § 59-16. by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "On an annual basis, the HRB shall perform an analysis of the Pay Plan and recommend adjustments accordingly. Such analysis shall include but not be limited to a review of increases negotiated with Town labor unions, increases provided in salary plans for comparative positions in comparative jurisdictions, and the increase in the cost of wages as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Cost Index (ECI) for State and Local Government. The recommended Pay Plan for the upcoming fiscal year shall be submitted to the Personnel Director by February 1 of each year; the Personnel Director shall transmit the Plan to the Board of Selectmen for approval in accordance with the Town Charter § C4-2(m).

(7) By deleting § 59-17.C. – Performance-based increases – in its entirety, and replacing it with the following: "Step Raises. On the respective anniversary date of their hiring, employees will move up one step on the salary plan, until reaching the maximum step of their particular salary range. Once having achieved the maximum step, no further step increases will be awarded unless and until the position is re-graded."

(8) By deleting § 59-17.D in its entirety and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly.

(9) By amending section § 59-20 by inserting the following language therein:
§ 59-20. Longevity
Employees shall receive annual longevity payments for their years of continuous service for the Town of Easton, in accordance with the following schedule:
Upon completion of five (5) years - $350
Upon completion of ten (10) years - $400
Upon completion of fifteen (15) years - $450
Upon completion of twenty (20) years - $500
Upon completion of twenty-five (25) years - $550
Upon completion of thirty (30) years - $600
Upon completion of thirty-five (35) years - $650

(10) By correcting a typographical error in § 59-26 by amending the last sentence therein to read as follows: "A psychological examination may also be required."

(11) By deleting § 59-31.C in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "Evaluate opportunities for assignment of more complex work based on performance."

(12) By amending the final sentence in the introductory paragraph of § 59-32 by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "The supervisor will make a written evaluation of the employee's performance on an annual basis."

(13) By amending § 59-32.D. by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "Coverage and Procedure. The coverage and procedure for the establishment and implementation of Goals and Objectives and annual employee evaluations shall be set forth in a manual developed and implemented by the Town Administrator."

(14) By amending § 59-42 – Bereavement Leave – by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

§ 59-42. Bereavement Leave

A. The purpose of bereavement leave is to enable an employee to take care of personal arrangements and problems caused by the death of a member of his or her immediate family, and to relieve him or her of the concern over loss of earnings. Full time employees shall be entitled to such leave, without loss of earnings, as follows:
   1. No more than five (5) consecutive regularly scheduled workdays, commencing with the notification of death, for the death of the employee's spouse, child, father, mother, sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent and grandchild, and for the death of any relative or significant other living with the employee at the time of death.
   2. No more than three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled workdays, commencing with the notification of death, for the death of the employee's step family (mother, father, sister, brother, child) and foster parent.

3. No more than one (1) regularly scheduled workday for the death of the employee's brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and uncle.

B. Part-time employees shall be entitled to three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled workdays of bereavement leave under sub-paragraph 1., above, one (1) day of bereavement leave under sub-paragraph 2., above and no bereavement leave under sub-paragraph 3., above.

C. Notwithstanding the limitations provided in paragraph A, above, up to two (2) additional days of bereavement leave may be granted (for both full and part-time employees) at the discretion of the employee's department head; said additional days shall be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick leave and therefore can only be granted if sick leave is available.

D. At the discretion of the department head, four (4) hours of bereavement leave may be granted to attend the funeral of an active employee who is a co-worker (i.e. works within the same department or building).

(15) By amending § 59-50 – Clothing Allowance, Amount and payment – to delete positions covered by a collective bargaining agreement, by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "The Fire Chief, Police Chief and DPW Director will receive a clothing allowance equal to $500 per year to be paid in December of each year."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Human Resources Board

ARTICLE 51. HRB (AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL BY-LAW) moved that the Town vote to amend Chapter 59 of the Code of the Town of Easton – Personnel - as printed in your warrant with the exception of deleting paragraphs 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 and further that the date of February 1 within the last sentence of Paragraph 6 be changed to read December 15, with said amendments to the Personnel By-Law to be effective July 1, 2006.

EXPLANATION:

Vote required to pass:	Simple Majority
Selectmen:	
Finance Committee:	Recommend (as amended by HRB)
Human Resources Board:	Recommend

ARTICLE 51 ACTION: UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 52. DISPOSAL OF LAND IN TANGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 24 of the May 16, 2005 Annual Town Meeting (adjourned to June 6, 2005) by amending the minimum sale price established by said vote for the following parcels:

- Lot 99 on Assessor's Map 15R, having an area of 6,700 square feet more or less
- Lot 16 on Assessor's Map 15R, having an area of 2.1 acres, more or less

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 52. LESS (DISPOSAL OF LAND IN TANGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION) moved to dismiss Article 52.

EXPLANATION:
The May 16, 2005 Town Meeting established a minimum sale price for this land at $675,000. The land was subsequently offered for sale but there were no bidders. A recent update to the appraisal reveals that the value of land has remained essentially unchanged, so it appears to be ill-advised to reduce the price at this time. The town will continue ownership of the land until market conditions appear more favorable.

Vote required to pass: Simple Majority
Selectmen:
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 52 ACTION: DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 53.
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A motion to DISSOLVE the Annual Town Meeting was VOTED at 9:42 p.m. Total voters present – 1,064.

A true record. Attest: ***Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC****, Town Clerk of Easton*

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Olmsted Richardson School Gymnasium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of May the year Two Thousand Six.

Colleen A. Corona, Chair
Colleen A. Less
Irwin M. Cohen
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Easton, Mass May 8, 2006
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
Scot Douglas, Constable of Easton

A True copy. Attest:

Town Clerk

OFFICIAL PROCEDURES TO BE USED AT TOWN MEETING
Approved - Town Meeting - May 1978

1. **Main Motion:** **Debatable**
When a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Chair, the assembly is not at liberty to consider any other main motion until this motion has been disposed of.

2. **Motion to Amend:** **Majority Vote Required** **Debatable**
This motion is to change, add, or omit words in the original main motions.

3. **Motion to Amend the Amendment** **Majority Vote Required** **Debatable**
This is a motion to change, add, or omit words in the first amendment.
Method of Vote: The first vote is on changing words of second amendment. If the first vote adopts the change, the second vote is on the first amendment as changed or amended. The third vote is on adopting the main motion as changed or amended.

4. **Motion to Commit or Refer:** **Majority Vote Required** **Debatable, Amendable**
When a motion becomes involved through amendments or when it is wise to investigate a question more carefully, it may be moved to commit or refer the motion to a committee for further consideration.

5. **Motion to Close Debate** **2/3 Vote Required** **Not Debatable**
When debate does not seem to be shedding additional light on a question, you may move to end it by calling the question: "Mr. Moderator, I call the question." You must be recognized by the Chair before making this motion. As soon as this Motion is made, debate ceases and a vote on closing debate is taken. If the motion is carried, a vote is immediately taken on the question under consideration.

6. **Motion to Reconsider:** **Majority Vote Required** **Debatable**
This motion must be made the same day as the original motion was carried or defeated. "A vote can be reconsidered only once."

7. **Motion to Adjourn:** **Majority Vote Required** **Debatable**
This motion is always in order except (a) when a speaker has the floor, (b) when a vote is being taken, (c) after it has just been voted down (d) when the assembly is in the middle of some business which cannot be abruptly stopped. A definite time and place must be set.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

These motions (or questions) are not necessarily related to the Main Motion and do not fall within the order of precedence. They may be made as appropriate or necessary.

1. **Question of Privilege**: A motion unrelated to the business taking place, e.g. "Question of privilege, please! It is too noisy. I request that the Chair ask that all talking be stopped."

2. **Point of Information**: Motion used to ask a question or obtain clarification of facts pertaining to the motion at hand. "Point of information, please! What would be the cost to repair this piece of machinery rather than replace it?" There is no vote or debate. The Chair provides the information sought.

3. **Point of Order**: This motion is always in order but can be used only to present an objection to some method of parliamentary procedure. "Mr. Moderator, I rise to a point of order!" Then the objection is stated. There is no vote or debate and the Chair immediately rules on the point of order.

4. **Point of No Quorum**: This motion requires no second and is not debatable. No other motion may be applied to it. It may not be used to interrupt a speaker. When the point is properly raised, the Moderator must then ascertain whether or not a quorum exists.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Special Town Election

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2 & 4 – Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium, Lothrop Street
Precincts 3 & 6 - Easton Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On **TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, 2006,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for the following question:

Question 1

Shall the Town of Easton be allowed to assess an additional $3,400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

Yes _____ No _____

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of May, 2006.

Colleen A. Corona
John S. Haederle
Charles P. King
Colleen A. Less
Selectmen of Easton

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. May 8, 2006
By Virtue Hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

Scot Douglas, Constable of Easton

Special Override Election
Tuesday, June 6, 2006

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One: J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Jennifer Keach, Deputy Clerk; Carolyn Diamond, Melvin Diamond, Wil Roberge, Checkers.

Precinct Two: Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Patricia Baker, Deputy Clerk; Virginia Corte, John Papineau, Irene Roberge, Judith Thomas, Doris Welch, Checkers.

Precinct Three: Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Joseph Camara, Deputy Clerk; Jean Crandell, Rose Furlong, Beverly Hanson, Checkers.

Precinct Four: Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Lorraine Anderson, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; David Devore, Elaine Dahlgren, Checkers.

Precinct Five: Blanche Hicks, Warden; Bennie Moore, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Virginia Curley, Deputy Clerk; William McAndrews, Nicolina Previti, Jean Shearing, Althea Thornton, Robert Thornton, Checkers.

Precinct Six: Harvey Blackman, Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Susan Henderson, Deputy Clerk; Estelle Blackman, Kristine Abrams, Joan Hayward, Jean Fisher, Checkers.

Election Results

14,309 Registered Voters — **38% Turnout**

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Total Votes Cast:	649	1042	640	1037	1190	885	5443
The result of the Special Election was:							
QUESTION 1 - Operational Override							
Yes	393	560	243	580	703	451	2930
No	256	482	397	457	487	434	2513
Total	649	1042	640	1037	1190	885	5443

A true Record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 12, 2006

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium in said Easton on Monday, the 12th day of June, next, at 8:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Moderator Richard C. Dailey with quorum present. School Department Principals Gary Mazzola and Robert Smith were voted admittance to the town meeting. Congratulations was extended to the Oliver Ames High School Baseball team who won the semi-finals defeating Dedham 7-4.

ARTICLE 1. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds, a sum of money to supplement the FY 07 payroll appropriations within Department 003 – Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 1. CORONA. (APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION) moved that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of $30,000 to supplement the FY 07 payroll appropriations within Department 003 – Selectmen.

EXPLANATION:
Upon advice of the consultant who is assisting the Selectmen with the Town Administrator search process, additional funds are needed to ensure that we are able to attract the best available pool of candidates.

Vote required to pass:	Simple majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 1 ACTION: VOTED.

ARTICLE 2. AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF TOWN CODE
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 6 therein, to modify the Capital Planning Process, as follows:

(1) By amending the last sentence of § 6-3.E. and adding a new sentence at the end thereof , both to read as follows: "Further, projects, acquisitions and other expenditures from the Community Preservation Act fund and acquisitions pursuant to MGL Chapter 61, Chapter 61A and Chapter 61B shall not be subject to the Capital Planning Process. However, the CPA Committee and/or other proponent of such expenditures are encouraged to present their projects to the Capital Planning Committee to facilitate coordination of efforts, as may be applicable.
(2) By deleting § 6-4.B. in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "No Capital projects, programs, improvements or acquisitions, as defined in this Chapter, shall be funded unless the

item is included in the Capital Budget for the then-current year or is determined by the Board of Selectmen (which determination shall be conclusive) that such project, program, improvement or acquisition was unforeseen at the time the Capital Budget for the then-current year was prepared and that delaying the funding of such project, program, improvement or acquisition until the preparation of the next Capital Budget would not be in the best interests of the Town. This shall not preclude the funding of citizens' petitions for bonded items, subject to Town Meeting approval."

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 2. HAEDERLE (AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE TOWN CODE) moved that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 6 therein, to modify the Capital Planning Process, as printed in your warrant.

EXPLANATION:
The proposed changes to the Capital Planning process are two-fold. First, acquisitions of so-called Chapter land would be excluded from the Capital Planning process as the timing of such acquisitions cannot be predicted and, further, once the town is offered the right of first refusal through this process it has a very limited time in which it must act. Second, the procedure by which the Selectmen can propose a capital budget item that has not been through the planning process is amended to conform to language recommended by bond counsel.

Vote required to pass:	Simple majority
Selectmen:	Recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommend

ARTICLE 2 ACTION: VOTED.

At 8:04 PM it was voted to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting.

A true record. Attest: ***Janet Andrus Linehan,*** *CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton*

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium and at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of May the year Two Thousand Six.

Colleen A. Corona, Chair
John S. Haederle, Clerk
Charles P. King
Colleen A. Less
Irwin M. Cohen
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Easton, Mass. May 18, 2006
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
Scot Douglas, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Town Clerk of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the gymnasium of the Olmsted/Richardson School in said Easton on Monday, the 7th day of September, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION

Please be advised that the correct day and date of the upcoming Special Town Meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2006. The warrant sets forth the correct date but was inadvertently printed indicating that the meeting was to be held on a Monday.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
***THURSDAY*, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006**
OLMSTED/RICHARDSON SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Richard C. Dailey, with quorum present. The following list of non-voters were approved admittance to the hall: DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting) Norman Thidemann, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Teresa DeSilva, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Marc Rousseau, Planning Director; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent; Robert G. Dunn, Conservation Director. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Madeline Holt, Asst. Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing;. OTHERS: Elaine Lucas, Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Jerome Burke, Patrick Meagher, Southeastern Regional School District; MEDIA: Enterprise: Vicki Downing, Ryan McLane; Easton Journal: Josh Press, Bill Gouveia; Media One: Robyn Souza, Wayne Hadley; Easton Bulletin: Easton Buzz: Hometown News: REPRESENTATIVES: Congressman Stephen Lynch & Jim Gordon, District Office Rep.; State Senator Robert Creedon; State Senator Brian Joyce; State Representative Christine Canavan; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Representative David Flynn; **REQUESTING ADMITTANCE FOR 9/7/06:** Robert White of Daedalus Project Managers, the project manager for the library; Angela Hyatt of Swartz/Silver, the architect; Attorney Oliver Ames, Dedham. Jeff Fernald, 240 Massapoag Avenue; Catherine O'Neill, Purchase Street.

ARTICLE 1. CITIZENS' PETITION PROPOSING TRANSFER OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the School Administration offices from rented property to current school property as soon as possible, and to allocate such funding from Free Cash as may be necessary to complete said transfer.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 1. CITIZENS' PETITION PROPOSING TRANSFER OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES – MOTION. Robert Hicks, representing the Petitioners, moved to see if the Town will vote to transfer the School Administration offices from rented property to current school property as soon as possible, and to allocate $10,000 from Free Cash to complete said transfer, or to take any other action thereto.

EXPLANATION: Your warrant may describe this as quote "Citizens Petition Proposing Transfer of School Administrative Offices" end quote. That is not part of article 2 and that is not the purpose of this article. This should have read "Citizens Petition Financing Transfer of School Administrative Offices."

Article 1 would move the School Administrative Office from rented property, at no cost to the School Department, as soon as possible, and to allocate $10,000 in non-school money for that purpose.

There is no space currently available for such a move. That would occur, "as soon as possible," meaning when the School Committee and the Superintendent say it is possible; probably when the High School and Junior High School projects are completed and when space becomes available. Center Street School and Moreau Hall and Parkview were built prior to the enactment of the State School Building Assistance law; the High School and Junior High School were built with School Building Administration funds and are ineligible for this purpose. The cost of renting administrative offices now is about $57,000. That $57,000 should stay in the School budget; that should be available for another teacher or for books or for computers, whatever is the next educational priority of the Schools. Article 1 authorizes non-school funds for this purpose.

I have been asked why now, what is the urgency? Good question, there is not urgency. There is only the practicality that we have the money now, and might not have it next year. Equally, it was practical to have two petitions signed at the same time rather than making two separate efforts. Those two petitions are now articles 1 and 3.

Vote required to pass:	Simple majority
Selectmen:	Voted not to recommend
Finance Committee:	Approval
School Committee	Not in favor

This article was ruled by the Moderator to be a sense of the meeting and he asked Town Counsel how would it affect the vote of money. Town Counsel Elaine Lucas stated that the transfer of money would not be made if the move of offices was not made.

ARTICLE 1 TOWN MEETING ACTION: (By voice vote) NOT A VOTE. ARTICLE FAILED.

ARTICLE 2. CITIZENS' PETITION SEEKING TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDING FOR RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of renovating the existing library building at 53 Main Street, North Easton, and constructing an addition to the existing library facility, where such addition will increase the floor space of that building, including the cost of furnishing and equipping the same, as well as architectural/ engineering, site preparation and other expenses incidental thereto including creation of roads and driveways and engineering or other costs related thereto, and determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, appropriated by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; said sum of money being in addition to funds authorized under Article 7 of the April 8, 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 2. CITIZENS' PETITION SEEKING TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDING FOR RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY – MOTION: Gerard Marsan of the Library Board, moved that the Town appropriate the sum of $2,263,772.63 for the purpose of renovating the existing library building at 53 Main Street, North Easton, and constructing an addition to the existing library facility, where such addition will increase the floor space of that building, including the cost of furnishing and equipping the same, as well as architectural/engineering, site preparation and other expenses incidental thereto including creation of roads and driveways and engineering or other costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, $438,772.63 shall be transferred from surplus bond proceeds borrowed in accordance with the vote under article 23 of the warrant for the annual town meeting dated May 20, 2002 and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $1,825,000 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 and that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Library Directors is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Explanation: *This article would provide for the borrowing of additional funds to complete the Library project. The language for this article was prepared by bond counsel and article requires a two-thirds vote to pass.*

Vote required to pass:	Two-Thirds
Selectmen:	Not Recommended
Finance Committee:	Not Recommended

Several presentations were made by the following Library representatives: Jay Thomas, Library Director/Local Architect re Project Design; Annalee Bundy Library Executive Director re Programming/Spaces; Bill Ames, Library Director/Endowment Director re Why 53 Main and Endowments; Joseph Murphy, Library Treasurer/CPA re Financing the Project; Donna Richman, President Library Directors re Why this Needs to Happen Now/Losses. Finance Committee Chairman Donna Lopolito gave a lengthy report from the Finance Committee with alternative figures, and stated that the Town would ultimately be responsible for any bonds issued.

A request to take a secret ballot was made and more than the required number of voters stood in support.

David Brown of the Permanent Landfill Committee spoke regarding taking the bond proceeds away from the Landfill. He had Moderator Dailey read the original charge of the Permanent Landfill Committee: Established November 6, 2000 – Committee Members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen on an annual basis. Five (5) Citizens at large; DPW Director ex-officio, non voting; Assistant Town Administrator ex-officio, non voting; Board of Health Representative ex-officio, non voting; Finance Committee Representative ex-officio, non voting. Terms – 3 year staggered terms. Purpose – to oversee the continued work and post-closure maintenance of the Easton Landfill and report to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall meet as deemed necessary. The Committee's role post-closure may include review of all proposed uses of the landfill property and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee will provide input to the Board of Selectmen regarding ongoing operation and maintenance plan. The Permanent Landfill Committee stated that they voted unanimously to leave the bond money in the landfill to fulfill their stated purpose.

Discussion ensued regarding the legality of using bond proceeds for testing and maintenance at the landfill. Town Accountant Wendy Nightingale stated that bond counsel ruled that bond proceeds cannot be used for that purpose. (There was a handout at the check-in tables of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 20 Proceeds from sale of bonds; restrictions on use disposition of premiums.)

A motion to AMEND the motion to remove the Landfill money ($438,772.63) from the amount to be borrowed was VOTED.

The debate on the Main Motion as Amended was closed. A brief recess was taken regarding contradictory numbers in the motion. Gerard Marsan rose to a Point of Order regarding the funding. He stated there would be no additional funding other than the $1,825,000. Everything will fail if the article is voted down.

The voters were reminded by Moderator Dailey that a 2/3 vote is required and that Ballot #3 would be used for the Secret Balloting.

The following Counters were duly sworn: Richard Martin, John Keach, Robert Kane, Daniel Crane, Steve Merlin and Charles McMenamy.

ARTICLE 2 TOWN MEETING ACTION: (By standing count) 104 YES, 299 NO. ARTICLE FAILED TO PASS.

ARTICLE 3. CITIZENS' PETITION SEEKING TO RESCIND FUNDING FOR RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY

To see if the Town will vote to revoke and rescind its' approval of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 8, 1996, which authorized 'renovation and an addition to the Library building at 53 Main Street, No. Easton, MA.' And to revoke and rescind its' approval of Article 7 of the said Town Meeting to raise and appropriate by authorizing a

borrowing of $5,000,000 for said 'remodeling and reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs' to said Library building; said revocations and rescissions shall leave both said Articles 6 and 7 or said meeting null and void.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 3. CITIZENS' PETITION SEEKING TO RESCIND FUNDING FOR RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY - MOTION: Petitioner moved to revoke and rescind, so much of the bond as has not been committed by contract, its' approval of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 8, 1996, which authorized 'renovation and an addition to the Library building at 53 Main Street, No. Easton, USA.' And to revoke and rescind its' approval of Article 7 of the said Town Meeting to raise and appropriate by authorizing a borrowing of $5,000,000 for said 'remodeling and reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs' to said Library building; said revocations and rescissions shall leave both said Articles 6 and 7 or said meeting otherwise null and void.

Vote required to pass: Simple majority
Selectmen: Recommended
Finance Committee:

A motion to Refer this article back to the Selectmen and Library Board was NOT A VOTE.

The Question was Moved and debate closed.

ARTICLE 3 TOWN MEETING ACTION: (By voice vote) VOTED. ARTICLE PASSED.

It was then moved to RECONSIDER Article 3 – NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO REPAY STATE GRANT FOR LIBRARY PROJECT AND PAY OUTSTANDING INVOICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and borrow a sum of money to pay the balance of existing obligations associated with the library addition and renovation project and to repay grant funds received from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, to ensure eligibility for said grant in the future, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO REPAY STATE GRANT FOR LIBRARY PROJECT AND PAY OUTSTANDING INVOICES – MOTION. Selectman Corona moved that, notwithstanding the vote previously passed at this Town Meeting under Article 3, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized pursuant to the vote of the Town passed April 8, 1996 (Article 7) to borrow $700,000.00 for costs

incurred (both paid and unpaid) with respect to the library project as described in said April 8, 1996 vote, including reimbursing the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for any state grants received and expended for the library project.

Explanation: *The purpose of this article is to provide funds to repay the grant from the Commonwealth and associated costs which have been incurred. This article should be dismissed if article two passes.*

Vote required to pass:	Two-Thirds
Selectmen:	Voted to recommend
Finance Committee:	Recommends Approval

An amendment to add the words "provided the town is eligible" was WITHDRAWN.

ARTICLE 4 TOWN MEETING ACTION: (By standing count) 164 Yes, 40 No. Article passed.

The Special Town Meeting was DISSOLVED at 10:27 p.m. Total voters present – 442.

A true record. Attest: ***Janet Andrus Linehan****, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk*

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the gymnasium of the Olmsted/Richardson school and at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of August the year Two Thousand Six.

Colleen A. Corona, Chair
John S. Haederle, Clerk
Charles P. King
Colleen A. Less
Irwin M. Cohen
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. August 21, 2006
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have
This day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

Bristol, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Precincts 1, 2, 4 – Oliver Ames High School, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3, 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 197 Bay Road

On TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS ..... NINTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR ..... SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR ..... FOURTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT ..... SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT ..... NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ..... EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ..... TENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ..... ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ..... BRISTOL DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS ..... BRISTOL COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS ..... BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ..... BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of July, 2006.

Colleen A. Corona
Colleen A. Less
Charles P. King
John S. Haederle
Irwin M. Cohen
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan
Town Clerk of Easton

August 3, 2006 Easton, Mass.
I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

Warrant must be posted by September 12, 2006 (at least *seven days prior* to the September 19, 2006 State Primary)

STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Melvin Diamond, Deputy Clerk; Wilfred Roberge, Beverly Smith, Carolyn Diamond, Inspectors.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Doris Welch, Irene Roberge, Virginia Corte, John Papineau, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk, Joseph Camara, Deputy Clerk; Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Laurie MacKinnon-Fallon, Jean Crandell, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Lorraine Anderson, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Laetitia Tremblay, Deputy Clerk; Elaine Dahlgren, Barbara Walsh, David Devore, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Blanche Hicks, Warden; Bennie Moore, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; William McAndrews, Jean Shearing, Nicolina Previti, Althea Thornton, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Harvey Blackman, Warden; Anthony Cabral, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Susan Henderson, Deputy Clerk; Estelle Blackman, Jean Fisher, Joan Hayward, Inspectors.

OFFICIAL FINAL RESULTS

Registered Voters 14,457 — 21% Turnout

The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851
Republican Party	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
Total	318	649	461	548	671	488	3135

The result of the Primary election was:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
Edward M. Kennedy	212	465	328	386	480	342	2213
Write-Ins	3	3	1	4	4	3	18
Blanks	70	128	84	112	135	91	620
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851
GOVERNOR							
Christopher F. Gabrieli	111	179	125	162	222	146	945
Deval L. Patrick	119	276	184	240	287	200	1306
Thomas F. Reilly	52	136	100	94	109	86	577
Write-Ins	0	2	0	1	1	2	6
Blanks	3	3	4	5	0	2	17
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Deborah B. Goldberg	94	199	143	174	248	156	1014
Timothy P Murray	109	228	151	169	195	144	996
Andrea C. Silbert	52	104	86	110	131	98	581
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Blanks	30	65	33	49	43	38	258
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Martha Coakley	195	438	321	358	461	336	2109
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Blanks	90	158	92	144	157	98	739
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851
SECRETARY OF STATE							
William Francis Galvin	207	443	299	361	446	328	2084
John Bonifaz	32	76	56	62	85	56	367
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	46	77	58	79	88	52	400
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851
TREASURER							
Timothy P. Cahill	195	428	306	352	439	332	2052
Write-Ins	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Blanks	89	166	107	150	180	104	796
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	177	412	294	325	418	312	1938
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	108	184	119	177	201	124	913
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stephen F. Lynch	205	408	287	321	431	307	1959
Philip Dunkelbarger	48	131	89	109	130	89	596
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Blanks	32	57	37	72	56	40	294
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

Kelly A. Timilty	-	-	288	308	400	305	1301
Write-Ins	-	-	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	-	-	125	193	219	131	668
Total	-	-	413	502	619	436	1970

COUNCILLOR 4th DISTRICT (Pcts.1,2)

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	163	390	-	-	-	-	553
Write-Ins	1	0	-	-	-	-	1
Blanks	121	206	-	-	-	-	327
Total	285	596	-	-	-	-	881

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)

Brian A. Joyce	-	-	306	372	469	341	1488
Write-Ins	-	-	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	-	-	107	129	150	95	481
Total	-	-	413	502	619	436	1970

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)

Robert S. Creedon	197	436	-	-	-	-	633
Write-Ins	0	2	-	-	-	-	2
Blanks	88	158	-	-	-	-	246
Total	285	596	-	-	-	-	881

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)

David L.Flynn	-	-	-	-	-	306	306
Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	130	130
Total	-	-	-	-	-	436	436

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)

Christine E. Canavan	-	-	298	-	-	-	298
Write-Ins	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Blanks	-	-	115	-	-	-	115
Total	-	-	413	-	-	-	413

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)							
Geraldine Creedon	193	420	-	344	429	-	1386
Write-Ins	0	1	-	1	0	-	2
Blanks	92	175	-	157	190	-	614
Total	285	596	-	502	619	-	2002

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL DISTRICT)							
Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	158	356	231	300	359	256	1660
C. Samuel Sutter	63	146	120	109	158	103	699
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	64	94	62	93	102	76	491
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL COUNTY							
Marc J. Santos	164	378	278	299	385	298	1802
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	120	218	135	203	234	138	1048
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT							
David M. Simas	161	379	277	290	385	291	1783
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	123	217	136	212	234	145	1067
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY							
Maria F. Lopes	125	299	189	247	329	209	1398
Gregory DeMelo	49	91	108	90	95	107	540
Perry C. Long	14	51	36	40	50	32	223
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	96	154	80	125	145	88	688
Total	285	596	413	502	619	436	2851

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
Kenneth G. Chase	18	25	24	16	24	19	126
Kevin P. Scott	11	19	15	23	19	25	112
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	3	9	9	7	9	8	45
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284

GOVERNOR							
Kerry Healey	26	38	41	38	48	37	228
Write-Ins	2	3	0	1	0	4	10
Blanks	5	12	7	7	4	11	46
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Reed V. Hillman	25	40	38	32	46	29	210
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	8	12	10	14	6	23	73
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Larry Frisoli	22	37	31	30	44	36	200
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	11	16	17	16	8	16	84
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
SECRETARY OF STATE							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	33	53	48	46	52	51	283
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
TREASURER							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	33	53	48	46	52	51	283
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
AUDITOR							
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT							
Jack E. Robinson	20	33	27	27	40	30	177
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	13	20	21	19	12	21	106
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)							
Michael W. McCue	-	-	30	29	39	33	131
Write-Ins			0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	18	17	13	19	67
Total	-	-	48	46	52	52	198
COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT (Pcts. 1,2)							
Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	33	53	-	-	-	-	86
Total	33	53	-	-	-	-	86
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)							
James J. Aldred	-	-	29	32	40	28	129
Write-Ins			0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	-	19	14	12	24	69
Total	-	-	48	46	52	52	198

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)

Write-Ins	0	0	-	-	-	-	0
Blanks	33	53	-	-	-	-	86
Total	33	53	-	-	-	-	86

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)

Write-Ins	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	-	-	52	52
Total	-	-	-	-	-	52	52

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)

Write-Ins-Wm J Pribusauskas	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Write-Ins			0				0
Blanks	-	-	48	-	-	-	48
Total	-	-	48	-	-	-	48

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)

Write-Ins	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Blanks	33	53	-	46	52	-	184
Total	33	53	-	46	52	-	184

DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRISTOL DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Blanks	33	52	48	45	51	52	281
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284

CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284

REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	33	53	48	46	52	51	283
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284

COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	33	53	48	46	52	52	284
Total	33	53	48	46	52	52	284

A true record. Attest: ***Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC,*** Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

Bristol, SS.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Election to vote at

Precincts 1, 2 and 4 – Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium – Lothrop Street
Precincts 3, 6 – Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

on **TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE. . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS . . . . . NINTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR . . . . . SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR . . . . . FOURTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT
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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY . . . . . BRISTOL DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS. . . . . BRISTOL COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS. . . . . BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE . . . . . SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER . . . . . BRISTOL COUNTY

QUESTION 1: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a retail vendor, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell.
The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.

A YES VOTE would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing authorities to issue such licenses.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.

The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political party during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name, the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and the total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for that office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

QUESTION 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employe labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services.

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal t the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and condition required changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject t appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain condition were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertif the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING - 8th Plymouth Representative District (Precinct 6)

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the Presiden and Congress of the United States to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all United States military forces home from Iraq?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of October, 2006.

Colleen A. Corona
John S. Haederle

Colleen A. Less
Charles P. King
Irwin M. Cohen
Selectmen of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan,

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk of Easton

October 18, 2006, Easton, Mass.

I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin,
Constable of Easton

Warrant must be posted by **October 31, 2006,** (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 7, 2006**, State Election).

STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – Robert McLaughlin, Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Melvin Diamond, Deputy Clerk; Wilfred Roberge, Beverly Smith, Carolyn Diamond, Eleanor Bridge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Patricia Baker, Deputy Clerk; Doris Welch, Irene Roberge, Virginia Corte, John Papineau, Judith Thomas, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Arlene Keach, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk, Joseph Camara, Deputy Clerk; Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Laurie MacKinnon-Fallon, Jean Crandell, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Lorraine Anderson, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Elaine Dahlgren, Barbara Walsh, David Devore, Elizabeth Puopolo, Diane Howard, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Blanche Hicks, Warden; Bennie Moore, Deputy Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Virginia Curley, Deputy Clerk; William McAndrews, Jean Shearing, Nicolina Previti, Nancy Carter, Melvin Smith, Donna Ryan, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Harvey Blackman, Warden; Anthony Cabral, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Estelle Blackman, Jean Fisher, Joan Hayward, Robert Thornton, Kristine Abrams, Inspectors.

STATE ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

14,575 Registered Voters 60% Turnout

FINAL OFFICIAL RESULTS
The number of ballots cast:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
The result of the Primary election was:							
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
Edward M. Kennedy	545	1023	857	862	1096	876	5259
Kenneth G. Chase	401	587	492	577	632	618	3307

Write-Ins	1	2	0	1	0	2	6
Blanks	43	51	49	63	56	44	306
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
GOVERNOR/LT GOV							
Healey and Hillman	470	667	543	675	758	719	3832
Patrick and Murray	413	739	630	644	817	636	3879
Mihos and Sullivan	75	205	195	143	164	151	933
Ross and Robinson	20	25	20	30	29	30	154
Write-Ins	0	2	0	1	1	0	4
Blanks	12	25	10	10	15	4	76
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Martha Coakley	601	1082	906	964	1163	946	5662
Larry Frisoli	331	493	421	454	518	515	2732
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	58	88	71	85	102	79	483
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
SECRETARY OF STATE							
William Francis Galvin	717	1227	1019	1075	1302	1095	6435
Jill E. Stein	138	240	195	220	243	251	1287
Write-Ins	2	2	2	3	0	3	12
Blanks	133	194	182	205	239	191	1144
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
TREASURER							
Timothy P. Cahill	722	1227	1029	1086	1268	1116	6448
James O'Keefe	133	230	182	187	238	218	1188
Write-Ins	2	0	1	3	1	1	8
Blanks	133	206	186	227	277	205	1234
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
AUDITOR							
A. Joseph DeNucci	661	1113	954	1002	1214	1030	5974
Rand Wilson	167	304	237	244	283	289	1524
Write-Ins	2	0	2	1	1	0	6
Blanks	160	246	205	256	286	221	1374
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT							
Stephen F. Lynch	610	1078	902	966	1171	952	5679
Jack E. Robinson	302	462	399	429	497	491	2580
Write-Ins	1	1	3	3	1	0	9
Blanks	77	122	94	105	115	97	610
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

Kelly A. Timilty	761	755	923	774	3213
Michael W. McCue	498	561	613	596	2268
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	2
Blanks	139	187	247	169	742
Total	1398	1503	1784	1540	6225

COUNCILLOR 4th DISTRICT (Pcts.1,2)

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	651	1088	1739
Write-Ins	6	5	11
Blanks	333	570	903
Total	990	1663	2653

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3,4,5,6)

Brian A. Joyce	888	952	1168	962	3970
James J. Aldred	399	435	471	460	1765
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	110	116	145	118	489
Total	1398	1503	1784	1540	6225

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2)

Robert S. Creedon	690	1156	1846
Write-Ins	6	5	11
Blanks	294	502	796
Total	990	1663	2653

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 6)

David L.Flynn	1068	1068
Write-Ins	8	8
Blanks	464	464
Total	1540	1540

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 10TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCT. 3)

Christine E. Canavan	996	996
Write-Ins	3	3
Blanks	399	399
Total	1398	1398

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2, 4, 5)

Geraldine Creedon	682	1143	1033	1217	4075
Write-Ins	8	6	4	10	28
Blanks	300	514	466	557	1837
Total	990	1663	1503	1784	5940

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (BRISTOL DISTRICT)							
C. Samuel Sutter	633	1069	957	932	1137	1038	5766
Write-Ins - Paul Walsh	0	2	0	3	2	1	8
Write-Ins - All Others	6	3	2	2	6	6	25
Blanks	351	589	439	566	639	495	3079
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL COUNTY							
Marc J. Santos	619	1045	948	928	1119	1016	5675
Write-Ins	5	2	2	4	6	3	22
Blanks	366	616	448	571	659	521	3181
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT							
David M. Simas	616	1033	948	921	1114	1011	5643
Write-Ins	5	3	1	3	7	3	22
Blanks	369	627	449	579	663	526	3213
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY							
Maria F. Lopes	597	1011	917	896	1097	994	5512
Write-Ins	5	3	4	4	4	3	23
Blanks	388	649	477	603	683	543	3343
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL (FOUR YEARS) (BROCKTON)							
Wayne McAllister	591	1014	921	891	1081	989	5487
Write-Ins	3	4	1	0	3	2	13
Blanks	396	645	476	612	700	549	3378
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL (FOUR YEARS) (EAST BRIDGEWATER)							
Eric W. Greene	580	976	910	873	1052	963	5354
Write-Ins	2	4	1	0	4	1	12
Blanks	408	683	487	630	728	576	3512
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL (FOUR YEARS) (EASTON)							
Ralph Armstead	639	1112	993	959	1139	1028	5870
Write-Ins	3	3	0	0	3	1	10
Blanks	348	548	405	544	642	511	2998
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL (FOUR YEARS) (STOUGHTON)							
George Eichorn	566	968	899	853	1047	951	5284
Write-Ins	2	1	0	0	3	0	6
Blanks	422	694	499	650	734	589	3588
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL (FOUR YEARS) (WEST BRIDGEWATER)							
Robert A. Sullivan	573	983	908	871	1052	960	5347
Write-Ins	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Blanks	415	678	490	632	730	580	3525
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
QUESTION 1 - Food Stores to Sell Wine							
Yes	343	568	450	516	599	527	3003
No	628	1031	876	969	1109	986	5599
Blanks	19	64	72	18	76	27	276
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
QUESTION 2 - Political Nominations							
Yes	293	525	387	501	498	464	2668
No	623	979	844	912	1088	956	5402
Blanks	74	159	167	90	198	120	808
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
QUESTION 3 - Child Care in Private Homes							
Yes	369	669	537	610	685	622	3492
No	558	847	702	811	923	793	4634
Blanks	63	147	159	82	176	125	752
Total	990	1663	1398	1503	1784	1540	8878
QUESTION 4 - End War in Iraq - 8th Plymouth Representative District (Precinct 6)							
Yes						681	681
No						663	663
Blanks						196	196
Total						1540	1540

A true record. Attest: ***Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/CMMC,*** Town Clerk of Easton

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Animal Control Officer	508-230-3353
Assessors	508-230-0520
Board of Appeals	508-230-0590
Board of Health	508-230-0620
Board of Selectmen	508-230-0501
Building Department	508-230-0580
Collector	508-230-0610
Conservation Commission	508-230-0640
Council on Aging	508-230-0540
Department of Public Works	508-230-0800
Fire Department	508-230-3311
Food Pantry	508-230-0670
Housing Authority	508-238-4747
Planning Board	508-230-0630
Police Department	508-230-3322
Recreation Department	508-230-0650
Town Accountant	508-230-0560
Town Administrator	508-230-0510
Town Clerk	508-230-0530
Treasurer	508-230-0600
Veterans Services Department	508-230-0550
Water Department	508-230-0850
Superintendent of Schools	508-230-3202
Center School	508-230-3233
Easton Junior High School	508-230-3222
F.L. Olmsted School	508-230-3205
H.H. Richardson School	508-230-3227
Moreau Hall	508-230-3235
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Parkview School	508-230-3230

EASTON EMERGENCY
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